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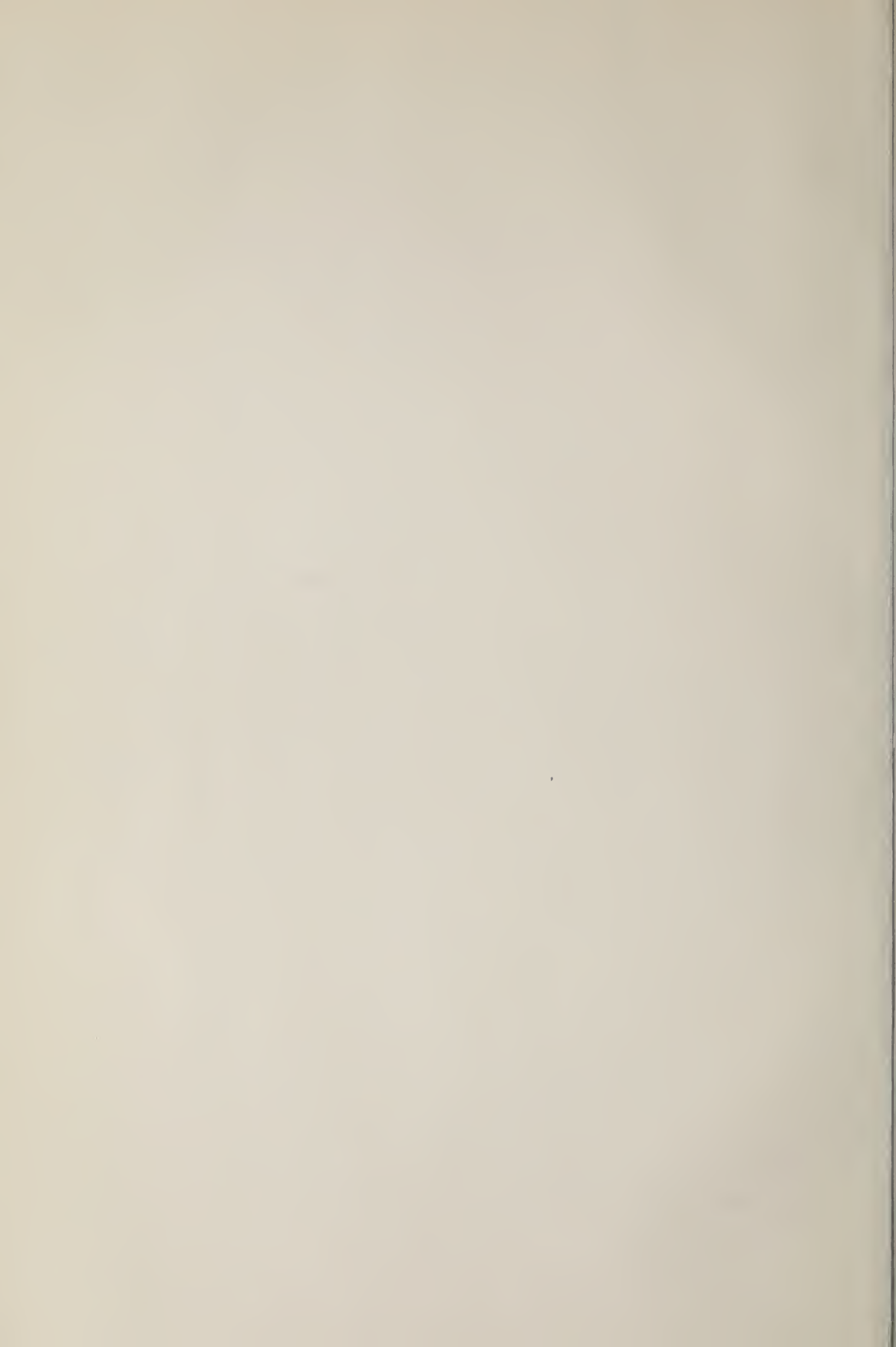


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ALBERT REBER.

Among the agriculturists of Crane township who have achieved prominence as men of marked ability and substantial worth is numbered Albert Reber, one of the extensive landowners and successful business men of this locality. His holdings aggregate twelve hundred acres and his farm is conducted along such modern and progressive lines that his activities have had an important effect upon agricultural standards in the state.

Albert Reber was born in Fairfield county, October 23, 1845, and is a son of Thomas V. and Rachael (Allen) Reber, both natives of the same section, the father born June 17, 1806, and the mother October 22, 1808. She was a member of a family that was well known in Wyandot county and for over one hundred years prominent in Fairfield county, and traced her ancestry back to the Pilgrims. The first of the family to come to America was Samuel Allen, who emigrated from Bridgewater, Somerset county, England, and settled in Braintree, Massachusetts, in 1620. His son, Samuel (II), was born in 1632 and his sister, born in 1639, married Joseph Standish, a son of Miles Standish, of the Mayflower. This Samuel Allen married Sarah Partridge and their son, also named Samuel, was born in 1660 and in 1685 married Rebecca Carey. Their son, Timothy Allen, was born in 1691 and became the grandfather of General Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary war fame. Rebecca Allen, the mother of Timothy, died in 1697 and his father subsequently married Mary Alden, a daughter of Joseph, a son of Captain John Alden, made famous by Longfellow in his poem on Miles Standish. Of this union were born six children, the eldest of whom was Joseph, whose birth occurred in 1701 and who with his parents and the rest of the family in 1727 moved to Connecticut and settled at Norwich. Later they removed from that place to Canterbury. At Norwich Joseph Allen married Rebecca Fuller, of Preston, Connecticut, and their son, Barnabus, was born February 24, 1729, at Norwich. In 1752 Barnabus Allen married Elizabeth Fuller, a daughter of Randolph Fuller, and they had a son Silas, who was born in 1754. He enjoyed the advantages

of a superior education and embraced the profession of medicine. On May 16, 1776, he married Mary Cleveland, a daughter of Samuel Cleveland, his wife being a fourth cousin of Moses Cleveland, the founder of the city by that name in Ohio and related to the ancestors of Grover Cleveland. Soon after their marriage Dr. Allen and his wife moved to Middletown, Vermont, and in 1800 left there for the west, intending to go as far as the Mississippi river, but arriving in Fairfield county and finding the country bordering Toby creek inviting they concluded to remain there and became permanent settlers. Among their eight children was Jedadiah Allen, the fourth in order of birth, and the father of Mrs. Rachael Reber. He was born in Vermont and at an early age came with his parents to Ohio, making settlement upon a farm in Amanda township, Fairfield county. Here he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, becoming largely interested in stock-raising. A man of progressive ideas, he was prominent and influential in his community. He passed away on the 5th of September, 1856, at Royalton, Ohio. His wife was in her maidenhood Sarah Bull and her marriage to Jedadiah Allen took place in 1803, their children being: Rachael, the mother of our subject; Howard Allen, born in 1811; and Lyman Allen, born in 1813.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Reber have passed away, the father's death occurring on December 5, 1895, he having survived his wife for about five years, her demise occurring in 1890. To their union were born eight children: Felix, who died in 1878; Sarah, who passed away in 1904; Minerva, also deceased; Mary A., whose death occurred in 1911; John, who is a resident of Oklahoma; Lenox, who resides in Marion, Ohio; Albert, of this review; and Lucy, who has passed away.

Albert Reber acquired his education in the district schools and pursued his studies until he was eighteen years of age, at which time he entered his father's employ and worked in his interest for several years. He began his independent agricultural career by purchasing the family homestead, to which he has added from time to time until he has now accumulated twelve hundred acres, his land lying on sections 5, 7, 8 and 9, Crane township. The farm is one of the most noted properties in Wyandot county, having been known as the Armstrong farm. It has been occupied for over one hundred years and comprises land that has never yet been under the plow. He raises thereon general farm products, specializing in corn and

hay, of which abundant crops are harvested owing to the care and labor which Mr. Reber bestows upon his fields. He follows only the most modern methods of agriculture and uses the latest improved machinery to facilitate his labors so that his efforts are attended with gratifying success. In addition he is extensively interested in stock-raising, keeping fifty-five cattle, one thousand sheep, one hundred hogs and three horses, his stock commanding a high price and a ready sale in the local markets. In addition to general farming Mr. Reber has extensive and valuable business interests in Upper Sandusky, where he owns the Reber Hotel and two business blocks and is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank.

On the 5th of April, 1898, Mr. Reber was united in marriage in Upper Sandusky to Miss Mattie J. Bowman, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. G. Carson in the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Reber is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, the former a prominent farmer. The parents came originally from Pennsylvania, but the father was of German extraction and the mother of Scotch-Irish stock. Mrs. Reber was a school teacher for twenty years, being eminently successful along this line, and is a lady of rare refinement and many high qualities of mind and character. Her father died in 1885 and his wife's death occurred in the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Reber became the parents of a son, Thomas A., who is attending school.

Mr. Reber gives his political support to the men and measures of the republican party and, while he takes a deep interest in public matters, keeping himself informed on all the current topics of the day, he has never been active as an office seeker. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor, and today he stands as a representative of the substantial citizens of Wyandot county.

CONSTIEN BROTHERS.

The firm of Constien Brothers is one well known in Upper Sandusky, where they are conducting a growing and profitable business as growers of plants and flowers. These brothers, Bernhardt E. and Alvin A. Constien, are both natives of Up-

per Sandusky, the former born December 22, 1877, and the latter on the 19th of September, 1879. Their father, William H. Constien, was a native of Hanover, Germany, born October 16, 1839, and was a gardener by occupation. He spent the first twenty-five years of his life in the fatherland and then determined to try his fortune in the new world. Accordingly he crossed the Atlantic and for several years was a resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but in 1872 came to Upper Sandusky. He married Emily Benecke, who was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1843. Their marriage was celebrated in that country and after traveling life's journey together for a very extended period they were separated by the death of the wife on the 8th of August, 1902. Of their children Otto died in infancy. The others are Theodore, Emma, William H., Albert, Adolph, Bernhardt E., Alvin A. and Oscar.

Bernhardt E. Constien pursued his education in the public schools until he reached the age of eighteen, when he turned his attention to the business in which he is now engaged. His brother Alvin was a pupil in the common schools until he reached the age of thirteen, when he became a high-school student in Upper Sandusky. He afterward attended college at Defiance, Ohio, and was graduated there when eighteen years of age. He also attended the Ohio Normal School at Ada, where he devoted one year to the study of pharmacy, at the end of which time he passed the examination before the state pharmaceutical board and became a drug clerk, filling that position for two years. On the expiration of that period he took up the study of dentistry in the Ohio Medical College at Columbus and was graduated in 1894 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He now practices at his residence but has been obliged to discontinue his professional work to some extent, owing to his health. He is associated with his brother in the growing of plants and in the sale of cut flowers, and they are prominent dealers in their line in the city.

Bernhardt E. Constien was married on the 3d of December, 1902, to Miss Marie Miller, a daughter of Alpheus and Josephine Miller, of Chatsfield, Crawford County, Ohio. They have two children, Karl and Norman. Alvin A. Constien wedded Laura Fink, a daughter of John and Mary A. Fink. His marriage occurred November 14, 1901, and they have one child, Raymond John. The brothers are independent in their

political affiliations. They hold membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the Rebekahs, and their religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. They have well equipped greenhouses and are conducting a successful business in plant culture while their sale of cut flowers adds materially to their own income. Their plant covers five thousand square feet but the business is growing to such an extent, that at this writing four thousand more feet of glass area are being added to their greenhouses.

ALBERT H. MARTENS.

Starting out in the business world as an errand boy Albert H. Martens has gradually worked his way upward and is now owner of an extensive brewery, his property in that connection being valued at twenty-five thousand dollars. Mr. Martens is a native of Germany, born June 17, 1871. His father, William Martens, whose natal year was 1839, was a laborer of that country and when he came to America in 1882 he settled at Detroit, Michigan. Ten years later he passed away. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ott, was born in Germany in 1839 and died in 1897. In their family were five children: Rudolph, Bertha, Augusta, Louisa and Albert H.

The last named remained in Germany until ten years of age, when the parents came with their family to the new world and he completed his education, begun in the schools of his native land, by study in the public schools of Detroit. At fourteen years of age, however, he put aside his text-books and for a year thereafter worked as errand boy. He next began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed until twenty-one years of age, when he entered the grocery and saloon business, opening a store of his own in Detroit. With the exception of a year and a half spent as an employe in a brewery he continued in business there until 1911, when he sold his grocery store and saloon and purchased the Upper Sandusky Brewery. Since assuming its management he has been very successful, building up a trade which is constantly growing. The brewing plant is well equipped with modern machinery and is worth twenty-five thousand dollars, while its capacity is five thousand barrels annually. In addition to his other in-

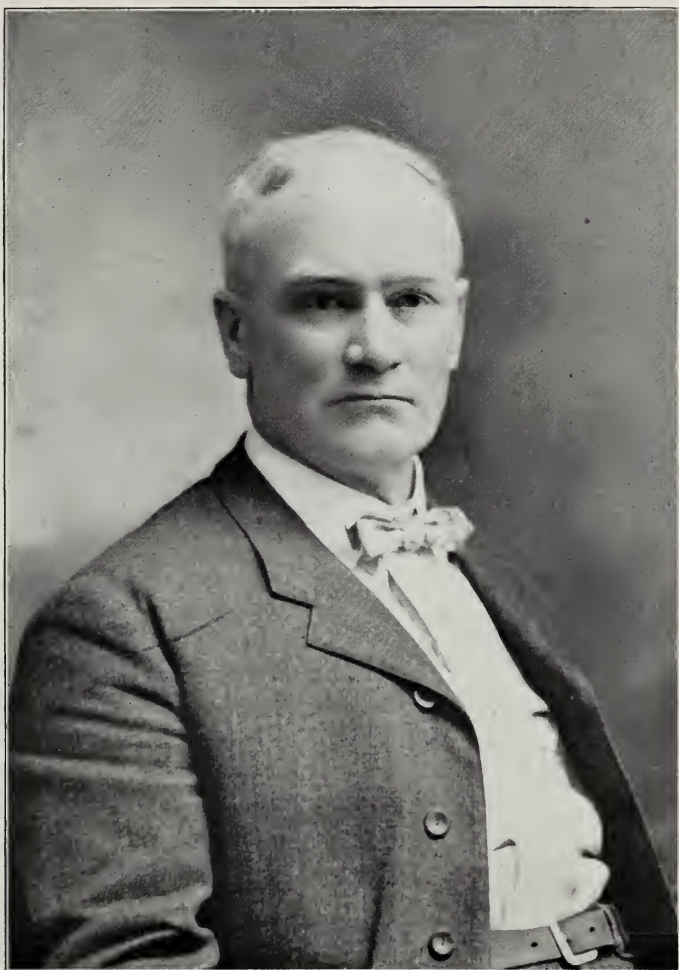
terests Mr. Martens is also extensively engaged in the ice business, employing several wagons in the delivery of that product in Upper Sandusky.

On the 30th of January, 1906, in Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Martens was married to Miss Lillian Egle, a daughter of Henry and Bertha (Zimmerman) Egle, the former well known throughout the country as a pottery manufacturer. Mr. and Mrs. Martens have but one child, Allen. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and he belongs to the Personal Liberty League of Ohio. His political indorsement is given to the republican party but he has never sought nor desired office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. He has worked earnestly and persistently to achieve success and is now at the head of an enterprise which is bringing him good financial returns.

WILLIAM A. GIPSON.

William A. Gipson is a dealer in coal and building supplies in Upper Sandusky. His success is due entirely to his own efforts, indefatigable labor and reliable methods having brought to him a gratifying patronage. He was born in Plymouth, Richland county, Ohio, January 26, 1843, a son of Lorenzo and Emilia A. Gipson. The father was born in Vermont, March 12, 1817, and was a mechanic. On coming to Ohio he settled in Mansfield in 1850 and on the 20th of February, 1868, he passed away. His wife, a native of Pennsylvania, was born May 16, 1822, and died February 12, 1877.

William A. Gipson became a resident of Mansfield, Ohio, in his boyhood days and there pursued his education in the public schools to the age of sixteen years, when he put aside his textbooks in order to earn a living. He worked at coopering in a factory of that city for a year, at the end of which time the family removed to Upper Sandusky. Here he again worked at his trade until the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotic spirit was aroused by the continued attempt of the south to overthrow the Union and he enlisted in 1862 as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. During an engagement he was wounded in the left side



WILLIAM A. GIPSON

by a spent ball, which forced him to remain out of active service for three weeks. He was twice taken prisoner and spent one night in Libby Prison. He was then transferred to Belle Isle, where he remained for sixty-two days. He was again captured at High Bridge and taken to Appomattox Court House, where Lee surrendered, and stayed there for three days, when he was exchanged as a paroled prisoner. He participated in sixteen hard-fought battles and many skirmishes and with a most creditable military record returned to his home, having been honorably discharged at Camp Chase, Baltimore, June 5, 1865.

In his business career Mr. Gipson has been quite successful and now owns and conducts a coal and building supplies business which he has carried on for many years. At different times he has been interested in various commercial and industrial enterprises in the city and now devotes his entire time to the management of his coal and building supplies depot, where he carries a large stock, being accorded a liberal patronage. He began with but a limited capital but he possesses unfaltering courage and determination and as the years have gone by his enterprise and perseverance have won him a most gratifying measure of success, finding tangible evidence in the judicious investments in property which he has made.

On the 12th of May, 1870, in this city, Mr. Gipson was married to Miss Addie K. Beistle, a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Houck) Beistle, the father a shoe merchant of this place. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gipson are: Blanche, the wife of Fred W. Zander, a dealer in plumbers' supplies in Buffalo, New York, by whom she has one son, Frederick G.; Myram M.; William A.; Matilda E.; Lucy A.; Alice; and Arland F.

Mr. Gipson and his wife are members of the English Evangelical Lutheran church, and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knight Templar degree. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and active in its efforts to promote the business interests of the city. He votes with the democratic party and has held several local offices. For ten years he filled the position of councilman and for twenty-one years has been a member of the school board. The cause of education finds in him a stalwart champion. He was also a trustee of the Ohio State School for the Deaf for twenty

years, being first appointed by William McKinley and later by different governors of Ohio. He was chosen for this position for four terms of five years each. He is a very popular man, well liked by all, and his many sterling traits of character have gained for him enduring regard. In all his duties of citizenship in its broadest sense he has displayed the same loyalty which characterized his service when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields.

CHARLES C. KOUNS.

A record such as that of Charles C. Kouns is not an unusual one in this country, where labor finds its just reward and close application and energy constitute the salient elements of success; and yet, such a record never fails to elicit attention and commendation. The world admires the victor and in a successful business career the struggle is continuously waged for supremacy over adverse conditions, competition and the obstacles which arise through the subversion of plans through outside influences. Without special advantages at the outset of his career, Mr. Kouns has made steady progress with the result that he has attained an enviable position in business circles, for he is today secretary and general manager of the Ohio Manufacturing Company at Upper Sandusky.

Mr. Kouns was born at New Holland, Ohio, September 26, 1885, his parents being Moses W. M. and Ella (Johnson) Kouns, both of whom were natives of Pickaway county, Ohio. The father, who was born in 1857, was for a considerable period president of the Ohio Manufacturing Company at Upper Sandusky, but his life's labors were ended in death in 1909. The mother still survives and is now living in Columbus, Ohio, at the age of fifty-three years. Their children are Leota, Jane, Charles C., Marie and Herbert. The eldest daughter is the wife of Dr. W. E. Robinson, a dentist of Washington Court House, and they have two children, Charles and William. Jane Kouns became the wife of A. B. Whitney, the president of the Ohio Manufacturing Company, and their two children are Richard and Virginia.

Charles C. Kouns attended the public schools of his native town, spent two years as a student in the schools of Dayton, Ohio, and two years at Bellevue, and then entered the high school at Washington Court House, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904. He immediately started in business with the Ohio Manufacturing Company, in which connection he has steadily worked his way upward until he is now one of its stockholders and its secretary and general manager. It is true that he entered upon a business already established but he has been active and energetic in enlarging and developing this and has contributed much to its success. He votes with the republican party but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is regarded as one of the enterprising young men of the city upon whom the future of Upper Sandusky will largely depend.

ARTHUR M. BRINGMAN.

The commercial interests of Upper Sandusky find a worthy representative in Arthur M. Bringman, proprietor of a furniture store with which is combined an undertaking establishment. His is a very promising business, his patronage steadily growing, and he now carries a large and attractive line of furniture representing the best makes of leading factories throughout the country. He was born November 9, 1859, in the city which is still his place of residence, and he is the only child of Charles and Priscilla (Moody) Bringman. The father was born in Richland county, Ohio, June 29, 1829, and in early life learned blacksmithing. About 1855 he removed to Upper Sandusky where he followed his trade for many years. His wife, who was born in De Kalb county, Indiana, March 21, 1839, now makes her home with her son Arthur, but the father passed away April 14, 1906.

Reared under the parental roof, Arthur M. Bringman at the usual age entered the public schools and, passing through consecutive grades, continued his education to the age of nineteen years. Starting out in the business world he was employed as a shipping clerk in Mansfield, Ohio, for five years and then returned to his native city and entered the employ of David Moody, a grocer, with whom he continued for twenty-three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased

his employer's interest and conducted the store for two years, but at the end of that time sold out, thinking to find more congenial occupation and perhaps larger profits in another branch of merchandising. Accordingly he opened a furniture and undertaking establishment on the 1st of October, 1908, and has been very successful in the conduct of the new venture. He carries a stock worth on an average of six thousand dollars and his trade is constantly growing in volume and importance. His business methods are thoroughly reliable and he is an enterprising, energetic merchant, who seeks success in the legitimate lines of trade.

On the 21st of May, 1885, Mr. Bringman was married in Mansfield, Ohio, to Miss Anna Margaret Shanefield, a daughter of John and Martha J. Shanefield, both of whom are deceased. The father was a merchant tailor during the years of his active business life. To Mr. and Mrs. Bringman has been born a son, Charles W., who married Hortense Neidig, of Upper Sandusky, and they have one child, Wallace P. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran Evangelical church, and are interested and active in its work. Mr. Bringman has voted with the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise but he has never been an aspirant for office. In Masonry he is of high rank, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and he is in thorough sympathy with the beneficent spirit of the craft which is based upon a recognition of the brotherhood of man. He has a wide acquaintance in Wyandot county and his many friends entertain for him warm regard because of his well spent life.

THEODORE BOLISH.

Theodore Bolish is proprietor of a cafe in Upper Sandusky and as a wholesale and retail dealer in liquors has built up a business which is bringing him a good financial return. His birth occurred in Upper Sandusky, May 19, 1877. His father, Christopher Bolish, was born in Prussia, in 1829, and, crossing the Atlantic, became a resident of this city when a young man. He died in 1888 and is still survived by his widow. She was born in Luxemburg, September 4, 1843, and now makes her home with her son, Theodore. She was the mother of nine children, of whom three are living, the brothers of our subject

being Joseph and Benjamin. The former, now filling the position of county recorder, wedded Mary Weber and has two children. Benjamin married an Illinois lady and has also two children.

Theodore Bolish was a pupil in the Catholic schools of this city until twelve years of age, when he started out to earn his own living, being employed as a house boy and hostler for two years. He then began learning the baker's trade and after three years spent in that way worked with a fencing gang on the railroad for six years. Subsequently he spent one year as a bartender and in 1902 he opened a cafe of his own, conducting the business until the county voted against license in 1908. He afterward conducted the restaurant part of the business alone until 1912, when the county revoked its former vote and again Mr. Bolish began dealing in wines and liquors, which he sells largely to the wholesale trade. He has a first class cafe which is headquarters for his many friends.

On the 4th of November, 1903, Mr. Bolish was married in Upper Sandusky to Miss Susie Thiel, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Thiel, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Bolish have four children: Anna L., Dorothy M., Edward A. and John A. The family home is a pleasant residence on North Eighth street and in addition Mr. Bolish owns property on North Seventh street, which he rents. He has always voted the democratic ticket and for two years he held the office of chief of the fire department. His fraternal relations are with the Eagles, the Mutual Aid and the Catholic Knights of America, and his religious faith is that of the Catholic church.

CHARLES L. FRAZIER.

Charles L. Frazier is proprietor of a laundry in Upper Sandusky, which business he has conducted with growing success since 1906. He was born here May 18, 1876, a son of William J. and Elizabeth (Leggett) Frazier. The father, whose birth occurred in Pennsylvania, in 1822, was a cabinet-maker by trade, learning the business in early manhood. After spending two years in Indiana he came to Upper Sandusky when twenty-one years of age and since that time has figured in the business circles of the city, where he is still active although he has now reached the eighty-first mile-

stone on life's journey. He has long been accounted one of the prominent and influential residents here and has a host of warm friends and admirers. His wife, who was born in 1826, is also living and is very active for one of her years. This worthy old couple are much beloved, their good qualities of heart and mind having gained them firm hold on the affectionate regard of those with whom they have been associated. In their family were eleven children but only five are now living. Harry L., a resident of Chicago, where he is a railway mail clerk, married Hattie Parkerson and they have two children. Sarah A. became the wife of C. V. McBride, who died eighteen years ago and she and her one child are now living in Detroit. Arthur D., who is chief clerk in the postoffice at Chicago, is married and has one child. Nettie is the wife of J. H. Steiner, a painter of Upper Sandusky, and they have four children. The subject of this review is the youngest member of the family.

Reared in his native city Charles L. Frazier attended the public schools to the age of eighteen years, when he started out to earn his own living and for a year thereafter was employed in a railroad office in Chicago. He then accepted a clerical position and became foreman for Swift & Company, in which capacity he continued for three years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Upper Sandusky and, in 1906, purchased the steam laundry which he has since owned and conducted. This enterprise is now liberally patronized. The plant is well equipped with modern machinery and the process which he follows gives satisfaction to his many patrons.

On the 2d of April, 1903, in his native city, Mr. Frazier was married to Miss Myrtle A. Kirk, a daughter of John A. and Mary J. (Beckett) Kirk, of Harperton, Ohio. The father is a stock buyer in Upper Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier have but one child, John Kirk. The parents are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Frazier also belongs to the Masonic fraternity. His political support is given to the republican party but he has never been ambitious for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs in which he is meeting with substantial success. He served as a member of Company B, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with the rank of first sergeant, enlisting for the Spanish American war. The command was called to Nash-

ville, Tennessee, and to Macon, Georgia, but after a year spent in camp life was honorably discharged February 10, 1899, without reaching the scene of conflict. A spirit of patriotism characterizes Mr. Frazier in all of his relations of citizenship and he seeks the welfare and best interests of his community in every possible way.

ROSCOE C. CUNEO.

One of the wide-awake, alert and progressive young business men of Upper Sandusky is Roscoe Conkling Cuneo, proprietor of the Star Moving Picture Theater. He is a native son of Upper Sandusky but of Italian parentage, his father, Pietro Cuneo, having been born in Pian de Cunei, a small village in Italy. He had a somewhat remarkable career, rising from poverty to affluence through his own labors and efforts and winning by reason of his upright and honorable life the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He came to America in his boyhood, arriving May 10, 1849, and settling in Upper Sandusky, where he grew to manhood and became well known and widely beloved. Wholly self-made and self-educated, he soon won a position of prominence and importance in business circles of the city through the force of his ability and the compelling power of his personality. He served from May, 1869, to July, 1877, as postmaster of Upper Sandusky and in business he was identified with journalism, owning the Union Republican, which under his management became an excellent paper with a large circulation and a profitable advertising patronage. He had many friends, among the most illustrious of whom was General Ulysses S. Grant, who held him in high esteem. Mr. Cuneo married Miss Myra V. Miller, who was born in Sandyville, Ohio, in 1842. She died in 1883, leaving five children: Edward, a printer, who married Leaf Widman, by whom he has one son, Harold; Sherman, who is the proprietor of the Union Republican of Upper Sandusky; Roscoe C., of this review; Eva, who married Noah Harmon, an ice manufacturer at Prescott, Arkansas, and who is the mother of three children; and Laura, who is the wife of A. F. Minor, a railroad conductor, by whom she has one child.

The public schools of Upper Sandusky afforded Roscoe C. Cuneo his educational advantages and when he had completed the usual course, at the age of nineteen he began working on the Union Republican, acting in various capacities until 1910, when he sold out his interests in the paper and opened the Star Theater, which he has made one of the finest moving picture houses in the city. It is finely equipped, has a seating capacity of three hundred, and the entertainment provided is always high class and interesting. Mr. Cuneo is accorded a large patronage on that account and as he is progressive in his methods and upright in his business dealings, he is numbered among the representative young business men of his native city.

Mr. Cuneo gives his political allegiance to the republican party, while his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. His fraternal relations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Knights of the Maccabees. He belongs also to the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in the business development of Upper Sandusky, the advancement of which his own effective labors are doing much to promote.

GEORGE F. PIERMAN.

A history of industrial and commercial activity at Upper Sandusky would be incomplete were there failure to make prominent and extended reference to George F. Pierman, who as proprietor of a lumber mill and yard occupies a leading position in business circles there. His enterprise is extensive and important and conducted along modern business lines and, closely conforming to a high standard of commercial ethics, he is meeting with excellent success.

Mr. Pierman was born in the town of Ottawa, Putnam county, Ohio, April 14, 1866. His father, Samuel Pierman, a native of Virginia, was born in 1830 and followed the occupation of farming as a life work. He was brought to Ohio when a small boy by his parents, the family traveling in a wagon across the country from their old home in Virginia. After reaching adult age Samuel Pierman wedded Margaret Clark,



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who was born in Putnam county, Ohio, in 1837, and died in 1883. The children of that marriage were nine in number: Zella V., the eldest, became the wife of Stewart Grafton, a lumber dealer, and died in 1903, leaving two children. Edward J., a farmer of Putnam county, married Ella Pope and has seven children. George F. is the next in the family. Lizzie J. is the wife of James W. McDowell, a dealer in stone, and they have four children. Charles O., who follows farming, married Gertrude McDowell and has five children. Homer W., also a farmer, wedded Nora Agner and they have four children. Carey S., who carries on general agricultural pursuits, married Mattie Crawfis and their children are three in number. Grace is the widow of Bert Butler, who was a farmer and died in 1909. Fannie is the wife of Samuel Welty, a farmer and carpenter, and they have two children.

George F. Pierman pursued his education in the public schools of his native county until he reached the age of eighteen years, becoming subsequently a student in the commercial college at Ada, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. His training in that institution proved a good asset when he entered the commercial field. For two years after his graduation, however, he worked upon his father's farm and then entered into his initial connection with the lumber trade as bookkeeper for a lumber firm, with which he remained for eleven years or from 1892 until 1903. At the expiration of that period, when his labors had brought him sufficient capital to embark in business on his own account, he formed a partnership with William H. Colter and established a lumber business in Upper Sandusky, owning both a mill and yard. The undertaking has been very profitable from the beginning and their patronage has steadily grown until their shipments now cover a large part of the country. They specialize in the handling of high-grade lumber used in the building of railway cars. They also export to a considerable extent and their business is constantly growing, having long since reached a place among the important industries of the city. They own their own property, including a mill well equipped with modern machinery and a yard, and in addition they have three thousand, two hundred and thirty-eight acres of timber land in Tennessee. Mr. Pierman is also half owner of a clothing business in Upper Sandusky, conducted under the style of Fritchie & Company.

On the 12th of June, 1901, in Nevada, Wyandot county, Ohio, Mr. Pierman was married to Miss Maude Hughey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hughey. The mother died in 1898 and the father, who was a bridge builder and mason contractor of Wyandot county, died in 1899. Mr. Pierman gives his political support to the democratic party and at one time served for two terms as clerk of the village of Jenera, in Hancock county, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, regarding it much more important to devote his energies to his business affairs. He holds membership with the Masons and with the Methodist Episcopal church and his influence has always been found on the side of right and progress, truth, reform and improvement. His has been an active, useful and well spent life in which energy and determination have found their just reward. He has never neglected an opportunity and seems to have recognized at any one point in his business career the possibilities for successful accomplishment at that point. He has coordinated and unified forces and in their control has displayed sound judgment and executive ability.

GEORGE W. POOL.

George W. Pool occupies a leading position in business circles of Upper Sandusky, where since 1911 he has successfully conducted a restaurant and bakery. He is a native son of this city, born March 14, 1878, his parents being George W. and Sarah (Bell) Pool. His father's birth occurred in Richland county, Ohio, in 1840 and his entire business career was spent as a salesman. He died in 1878 and was survived by his wife until 1905, her death occurring when she was sixty-seven years of age. She was a native of Delaware county, Ohio, born in 1838. In their family were two children: Bessie, who makes her home with her brother; and George W., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the public schools of his native section and for one year attended high school. When he laid aside his books he enlisted for service in the Spanish American war in Company B, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and upon his return was appointed deputy post-

master of Upper Sandusky and served for five years, discharging his duties in an efficient and capable manner. For two years following he worked as a traveling salesman and only abandoned this occupation, in which he was very successful, in order to buy the news depot, after selling which he was elected marshal of the town. He had at that time gained great popularity in this section of the state, as is evidenced by the fact that he is the only republican ever elected to the office of marshal in Upper Sandusky. When he had served his term of two years he again went upon the road, but in 1911 returned to his native city and here purchased the Bon-ton restaurant and bakery, which he has since conducted. His restaurant is one of the most attractive places of its kind in the town and receives a liberal patronage, while his bakery goods are of the highest quality. In the conduct of both branches of his enterprise Mr. Pool is meeting with a gratifying degree of success, because of his honorable business methods, his earnest desire to please his patrons and his close application to business.

On the 21st of November, 1911, Mr. Pool married Miss Mamie R. Bowen, a daughter of Jerome and Anna (Welsh) Bowen. Mr. Pool attends the Methodist church and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Masons and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having enlisted at the outbreak of hostilities in Company B, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served as corporal. He keeps in touch with his comrades of that time through his membership in Camp No. 73, United Spanish War Veterans, of which he is commander, and in all of his business and social relations is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth, who has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

JONAS J. HULSE.

Jonas J. Hulse, well known in financial circles of Upper Sandusky as the efficient cashier of the Commercial National Bank, was born on a farm near Lovell, November 7, 1864. He is a son of Jonas and Lucy (Davis) Hulse, both natives of Wyandot county, the former of whom was for many years

prominent in agricultural circles of that section. In his early days the father was forced by limited circumstances to work among the farmers of his community, but he afterward left Wyandot county and went to California, where he was successful in gold mining. After two trips to the Pacific coast he returned to Ohio and made his home upon his farm in Wyandot county, where he became prosperous and successful as a general agriculturist. He died upon his farm in this section. His wife was born in 1845 and died in Upper Sandusky in 1893. She was early left a widow and after the death of her husband made her home with her sister, Mrs. Anna L. Hurd.

In the acquirement of an education Jonas J. Hulse attended public school in Wyandot county and later was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, from which he was graduated in 1891 with the degree of A. B. Since that time he has been identified with various enterprises in this part of Ohio and in Tennessee, where he was for a time interested in the timber and lumber business at Harri-man, and he has besides given a great deal of his attention to farming, working diligently and gaining the broad experience which has proven the foundation of his later success. He has displayed sound judgment in all he has undertaken and his energy has been one of the potent factors in his progress. Upon the organization of the Commercial National Bank of Upper Sandusky in 1900 Mr. Hulse was elected cashier and has served ably in that capacity ever since, being in addition a member of the board of directors. He also serves on the public library committee, and his labors and enterprise have been important factors in the upbuilding and development of the town along many lines.

On June 15, 1893, Mr. Hulse was united in marriage, at Harriman, Tennessee, to Miss Frances Lilly Durflinger, a daughter of Philip and Sarah Durflinger, of Madison county, Ohio, and a graduate of Dixon College, Dixon, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Hulse have three children: Marjory, who is a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University; Alfred Philip, who is attending high school; and Frances, who is four years of age.

Mr. Hulse gives his allegiance to the republican party and is active in all progressive public movements, although he never seeks public office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a prominent business man of Upper

Sandusky, identified with the general growth and development, and is well known throughout Wyandot county as one of its most able and progressive native sons.

FRANK MOSSBRUGGER.

After a useful career as a farmer, during which he was closely and intimately identified with agricultural interests of Wyandot county, Frank Mossbrugger is living retired in Upper Sandusky, enjoying the comforts earned during his many years of honest and zealous labor. He is numbered among the many enterprising, able and progressive men whom Germany has given to America and was born in Baden, on the 4th of October, 1864. His parents were Mathias and Johanna (Guess) Mossbrugger, both natives of the fatherland, where the father still resides. The mother, who was born in Baden in 1845, died in 1901. To their union were born six children, Rudolph, Sophia, Frank, Andrew, Helen and Josephine.

Frank Mossbrugger remained in his native country until he was fifteen years of age and acquired a limited education in the public schools. In 1880 he made his first settlement in Upper Sandusky and here obtained a position in a brewery, which he held until 1891, when he resigned in order to establish himself in the saloon business. He operated an enterprise of this kind until he had secured sufficient capital to purchase land of his own, and in 1901 he bought one hundred and twenty-one acres of what is now known as the Historic Nine Oaks, giving all of his attention from that time until his retirement to its further improvement and development. By his practical methods, his unremitting work and his well directed energy he made this one of the finest properties in this part of the state, equipped with a fine residence, ample barns and all the necessary conveniences for carrying on agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. In the latter line he specialized in breeding sheep and hogs. He raised annually large crops of wheat, oats and hay, which he sold in the local markets. In 1912 he rented out the farm, which is now being operated on shares, and moved into Upper Sandusky, where he has extensive property interests, owning a fine residence and an interest in an important business block.

Mr. Mossbrugger married, on the 18th of October, 1886, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Elizabeth Keller, a daughter of Joseph and May (Bruch) Keller, of that city, and they are the parents of three children, George F., Clara R. and Frank E. In his political beliefs Mr. Mossbrugger is a loyal democrat and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church. Fraternally he is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He stands high in financial and social circles of this community and his progressive spirit and the sterling qualities of his character have won him the confidence and respect of all who know him.

HARRY C. WATKINS.

Harry C. Watkins, manager of a large livery stable in Upper Sandusky, is one of the most trustworthy and reliable employes of Conklin Brothers and one of the able, resourceful and progressive business men of the town. He was born in Marion, Ohio, April 10, 1876, and is a son of George A. and Ellen (Cretty) Watkins, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Eden township, this county. The father left his native country when he was still a child and when he came to America settled in Alabama, afterward locating in Ohio. He made his home in Middletown at the age of twenty and there resided until his death, which occurred in 1912, when he was seventy-six years of age. The mother of our subject was born in 1838 and still survives. In this family were three children: Maggie B., Charles A., and Harry C., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the public schools of Marion but laid aside his books at the age of sixteen, when he secured a position as driver for a livery establishment, working in this capacity from 1892 to 1912. He proved himself efficient, capable and reliable and in the latter year was made manager of the stable at Upper Sandusky conducted by Conklin Brothers, gaining in the discharge of his duties the confidence of his employers and the respect and esteem of his associates.

At Upper Sandusky, Mr. Watkins married Miss Minnie May Aulmiller, a daughter of Robert and Lottie (Moyer) Aulmiller, of Bucyrus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins have

one daughter, Eleanor A. Mr. Watkins attends the Methodist church at Upper Sandusky but does not hold membership in any religious body. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and is progressive and public-spirited in his citizenship, although he never seeks public office. He is an upright, straightforward and honorable man and has made an excellent record in business circles, both for reliability and for the practical methods which he follows and which have led him to success.

HARVEY O. HUFFMAN.

Harvey O. Huffman, who makes his home in Upper Sandusky, but who is still active in the operation of one hundred and thirty acres of land in Crane township, was born in that township, April 24, 1872, and is a son of Simon and Ellen (Kellar) Huffman. The father was born in Richland county in 1843 and the mother in Seneca county in 1850. They are now residents of Crane township, where Simon Huffman engages in general agricultural pursuits. In their family were eight children, two of whom, Sadie and Frank B., died in infancy. Those living are, Edward G., Harvey O., Estella G., Elza S., Alma M. and Iva M.

Harvey O. Huffman acquired his education in the district schools of his native section and left school at the age of eighteen. Until he was twenty-nine years of age he worked upon his father's farm and then began his independent agricultural career, operating his father-in-law's property of one hundred and thirty acres in Crane township. At the end of three years he purchased this property and remained upon it until 1909, when he moved his residence to Upper Sandusky. However, he still gives practically all of his attention to the management of the farm and has achieved a success in his chosen line of work which places him in the front ranks of progressive and successful agriculturists. He is engaged in general farming and also in stock-raising, keeping one hundred and thirty hogs, sixty sheep, twenty-five head of cattle and eight horses, and selling his stock in the local markets.

Mr. Huffman married on October 29, 1899, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Blanche Myers, a daughter of Michael and Susan

(McLain) Myers, of Pickaway county. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman are the parents of four children, Mary L., George B., Russell M. and Martha V. Mr. Huffman is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and is active in support of all progressive party measures, never seeking public office, and yet never avoiding the obligations of his citizenship. He was a member of the school board for one term and his interest in the cause of education was at that time ably demonstrated by his effective work. His success is well deserved, for through his own energy, determination and well applied efforts he has acquired an excellent farming property and is classed among the substantial and representative citizens of his native township.

FREDERICK SAMMET.

Prominent among the aggressive and enterprising business men of Wyandot county is Frederick Sammet, a florist, whose success is the outcome of close application, unfaltering energy and a thorough understanding of the business to which he has given his attention. He was born in Germany in 1869, a son of J. J. and Henricka (Gruber) Sammet. The latter died in Germany about 1876 and four years later, or in 1880, J. J. Sammet crossed the Atlantic to the new world accompanied by his son Fred. He did not tarry on the Atlantic coast but made his way at once to Wyandot county and settled upon a farm here. Throughout the intervening period, covering almost a third of a century, he has remained in this district and now makes his home with our subject.

The latter was a youth of eleven years when he accompanied his father on the trip from the fatherland to the United States. He afterward entered the employ of S. O. Streby, with whom he remained for about three years, and subsequently he went to Marion, Ohio, where he was employed by F. E. Blake, who was engaged in the florist's business and where he learned the trade. Six years were spent in that place, after which he returned to Upper Sandusky and purchased the florist's business which he now owns and conducts. His business is located just outside the corporation limits, on



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the corner of Pleasant View and High Streets, and the green-houses are built adjoining his home. Since coming into possession of this property he has rebuilt his residence, has put up a new barn, has laid cement sidewalks and made other improvements until his place is now a most beautiful one. He has also greatly increased the business and the volume of trade returns to him a substantial income. He deals in plants and cut flowers of all kinds, understands the best methods of growing these and by reason of honorable dealing and reasonable prices his products are finding a ready sale.

Mr. Sammet was united in marriage to Miss Katie Laudenschlager, a daughter of John and Anna (Sprau) Laudenschlager. Mrs. Sammet passed away in 1909, leaving a son, Harold, who was born May 25, 1894. On November 6, 1912, Mr. Sammet was again married, this union being with Miss Mina M. Veithes, of Upper Sandusky, a daughter of C. F. and Mary (Althouse) Veithes, the former a retired farmer, who still owns a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres east of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Sammet are devoted members of the Lutheran church, to which they give their moral and material support. Mr. Sammet is well known in Wyandot county, where he has spent much of his life and where he has so directed his energies as to win not only a good trade but also the merited regard and confidence of those who have dealings with him. He is ever diligent and progressive and is today the owner of one of the leading florist establishments in this part of the state.

EDWARD KATZENMEYER.

Edward Katzenmeyer, who conducts one of the leading stores in Upper Sandusky, carrying a fine line of farm implements and roofing materials, was born in Mifflin township, September 29, 1880. He is a son of Peter and Mary (Zahn) Katzenmeyer, the former of whom was born in Mifflin township in 1855 and the latter in Upper Sandusky on the 17th of March, 1857. The father engaged in farming during his active career and died on the 10th of April, 1910. His wife survives him and makes her home in Upper Sandusky. To their union were born three children, Edward, Elizabeth and

Sylvia. Mrs. Katzenmeyer still owns the fine home farm comprising fifty-eight acres of the best improved land in Ohio, equipped with most up-to-date buildings and machinery. She is a lady of many high qualities of character, well beloved by all who have the honor of her acquaintance and esteemed by a large circle of friends. Her hospitality is proverbial, and friend or stranger find a ready welcome at her fireside. Charitable and of a kind and helpful disposition she allies herself with all movements to better humanity and there is no one who merits more the high respect which is readily conceded her.

In the acquirement of an education Edward Katzenmeyer attended district school in Mifflin township. After laying aside his books he worked upon his father's farm until 1900, when he moved into Upper Sandusky and opened the business with which he is connected at the present time. He has a stock of farm implements and roofing materials valued at thirty-five hundred dollars and has already secured a gratifying and representative patronage by reason of his progressive business methods and in recognition of his well known integrity.

Mr. Katzenmeyer gives his allegiance to the democratic party, and fraternally is identified with the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a devout member of the German Lutheran church. He is, moreover, one of the most able, alert and progressive of the younger business men of Upper Sandusky and an active force in matters pertaining to the general interests of the community, and he has a host of friends throughout his native county.

WILLIAM E. MARTIN.

On the roster of county officials of Wyandot county appears the name of William E. Martin, now serving as surveyor. His entire life has been spent in Upper Sandusky and his history is well known to his fellow townsmen, who have always found him a reliable and enterprising citizen and a progressive business man. His birth occurred on the 26th of September, 1882, his parents being John B. and Lydia (Brobst) Martin, the former of whom was born in Ireland in

1830 and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1839. The father was for many years connected with railroading and passed away in September, 1904, having survived his wife by three years. To their union were born seven children, Thomas J., Joseph, Frank, George, Charles, Mary and William E.

William E. Martin acquired his education in the public schools of his native city, attending until he was seventeen years of age, when he began to study civil engineering at night and soon became proficient in this work. He was employed for nine years after leaving school as a telegraph operator, after which period he worked for two years in the office of the county surveyor of Wyandot county. In 1912 he was himself called upon to fill this position and has since served, discharging his duties with credit to himself and thus commanding the esteem and confidence of all with whom he is brought in contact.

On the 14th of April, 1904, Mr. Martin was united in marriage at Upper Sandusky to Miss Nellie Trautwine, a daughter of John and Henrietta (Young) Trautwine, the former a stone mason and contractor by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have two children, Nellie Pauline and Maurice W. Fraternally Mr. Martin gives his allegiance to the democratic party and is active and progressive in all matters of citizenship, although his public spirit never takes the form of office seeking. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and fraternally is connected with the Masonic order, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of Upper Sandusky and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and prosperity of his native city, giving his cooperation to many measures calculated to promote the material, political and moral interests of the community.

L. WALTER NAUS, M. D.

Dr. L. Walter Naus, proprietor of the Naus Sanitarium in Upper Sandusky and one of the most successful specialists in cancer, tumor and blood diseases in Wyandot county, was born in Hardin county, Ohio, March 4, 1874. He is a son of David A. and Fannie (Zimmerman) Naus. The father, also a native

of Hardin county, was born in 1847. He has followed farming since the beginning of his active career and is now one of the most successful general agriculturists in Hancock county. In this family were two children: L. Walter, of this review; and Anna Ellen.

Dr. Naus acquired his early education in the Hardin county district schools, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age, supplementing this by one term in Findlay College and two years at the Ohio Northern University at Ada. Having determined to study medicine, he entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1899 with the degree of M. D. He located for the general practice of his profession in Upper Sandusky and has since attained a place of prominence in professional circles of this community. After three years he formed a partnership with Dr. C. L. Shepard and together they operated a hospital and sanitarium for four years, after which Dr. Naus associated himself with Dr. Smalley, operating the Naus & Smalley Sanitarium. This they conducted until 1911, when Dr. Naus purchased his partner's interest and has since had entire charge of the institution, now known as the Naus Sanitarium. He specializes in the treatment of cancer, tumor and all blood and chronic diseases and has met with remarkable success in his chosen work. He is a physician of ability and, moreover, possesses the laudable ambition to achieve success by promoting his efficiency by further study and research, keeping in touch with the most advanced thought of his profession through his membership in the American and Ohio State Medical Associations and the Northwestern Medical Society.

On June 2, 1901, at Upper Sandusky, Dr. Naus married Miss Emma L. Stephan, a daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Finck) Stephan, the former a blacksmith and tool dresser. Dr. and Mrs. Naus became the parents of three children: David H., who died at the age of twenty months; Edwin S.; and Charles A. Dr. Naus is a member of the Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the National Union. He is a regular attendant at the Evangelical church but does not hold membership in any religious organization. His political allegiance is given in a general way to the republican party but he casts an independent ballot

on all questions involving the general good of the community. A constantly increasing practice makes heavy demands upon his time and attention and his devotion to the interests of his patients is proverbial. He manifests a sense of conscientious obligation in all of his professional work and the excellent results which have attended his labors are proof of his ability.

EDWARD R. LOWRY.

Edward R. Lowry, engaged in the grocery business in Upper Sandusky as a partner in the firm of Finkle & Lowry, was born in Crane township, February 24, 1884, and is a son of W. J. and Mary (Walton) Lowry, both natives of Wyandot county. The father was born in this section in 1852 and after he grew to manhood engaged in farming, retiring from active life in 1907. His wife was also born in 1852, and they make their home in Upper Sandusky. They became the parents of three children: Ruth, who married Foster Finkle, of the firm of Finkle & Lowry, by whom she has four children, Herbert, Catherine, Mildred and Dorothy; Edward R., of this review; and Abbie, who is the wife of Harry Kinley, a merchant of Upper Sandusky. W. J. Lowry was during his active life prominent and successful in agricultural circles and a force in local politics, having been a commissioner of Wyandot county for two terms. He is highly regarded in Upper Sandusky, where he is well and favorably known and enjoys the esteem and regard of a wide circle of friends.

Edward R. Lowry acquired his education in the Indian Hill district school and later attended the Tri-State Business College at Toledo, graduating from this institution when he was twenty-two years of age. For six months thereafter he worked upon a farm but at the end of that time turned his attention to commercial pursuits, opening a hardware store in Upper Sandusky. At the end of one year he obtained a position as a grocer's clerk and after holding it for six months joined Mr. Finkle and opened a grocery store under the firm name of Finkle & Lowry. They carry a stock valued at three thousand dollars and have built up a very liberal patronage which is accorded them in recognition of their honorable busi-

ness principles, their earnest desire to please their patrons and their reasonable prices.

Mr. Lowry attends the Evangelical church, and fraternally is connected with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs also to the Chamber of Commerce and has been the champion of many progressive measures whereby the interests of the town have been promoted. Starting out in life without any special family or pecuniary advantages to aid him, he has worked his way steadily upward, standing, although still a young man, among the leading grocers and progressive business men of Upper Sandusky.

JOSEPH FLECK.

Joseph Fleck, the only merchant tailor in Upper Sandusky, is a native son of the city, born July 24, 1861, his parents being Henry and Dorothea (Bastel) Fleck, the former a native of Baden, Germany. The father's birth occurred on the 18th of October, 1833, and after he grew to maturity he came to America, following the occupation of a clothing merchant and tailor during the entire period of his residence in Upper Sandusky. He died in this city in 1896, the mother of our subject long preceding him in death, passing away on December 17, 1861. The father subsequently married again and was survived by his second wife until 1910.

Joseph Fleck acquired his education in the Catholic schools of Upper Sandusky, attending until he was fourteen years of age, after which he entered his father's clothing store, spending his evenings for several years studying at home. He remained with his father until 1882, learning merchant tailoring and mastering the clothing business in principle and detail, and when he finally went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, he was an expert workman. When he returned to Ohio he spent several years in business with his father and in the employ of others, working at tailoring, until 1901, when he embarked in business for himself, opening a shop in Upper Sandusky, which he has since conducted. He has secured a liberal patronage, for his workmanship is excellent, his prices

reasonable and his methods of dealing always straightforward and honorable.

Mr. Fleck married, on the 19th of August, 1884, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Magdalene Keller, a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Zahn) Keller, the former a saloon and cafe proprietor in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Fleck have one daughter, Mae A. Mr. Fleck is a member of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally is connected with the Improved Order of Red Men. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and served as councilman of the second ward from 1895 to 1896. He was appointed clerk of Crane township May 1, 1909, and elected to the same position at the last two elections, and he is still serving, being known throughout the township as one who has labored earnestly for the betterment of public interests and has never withheld his cooperation from progressive public movements. In all of his business dealings he has been thoroughly reliable and straightforward and, moreover, his influence is at all times in favor of those projects and measures which promote general progress, improvement and growth.

JACOB GONGUER.

Jacob Gonguer, who is a retired agriculturist living in Upper Sandusky, was born in Mifflin township, Ashland county, May 12, 1851, a son of Phillip and Salome (Long) Gonguer, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in 1809 and after completing his education followed the distilling business for a number of years, later engaging in farming. He died in 1876 and was survived by his wife until 1890. They were the parents of twelve children, Sarah, Susan, Elizabeth, John, Lydia, Jacob, May, Lucinda, Rebecca, Hannah, George and Joseph. All of these children are living except Lydia, who died in infancy.

Jacob Gonguer was reared to farm life and acquired his education in the old Stony Point schoolhouse which he intermittently attended until he was twenty-one years of age. On putting aside his text-books he took up agricultural pursuits on a farm in Ashland county, where he remained until 1878. He afterward rented land for about eight years but in 1885 bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 37,

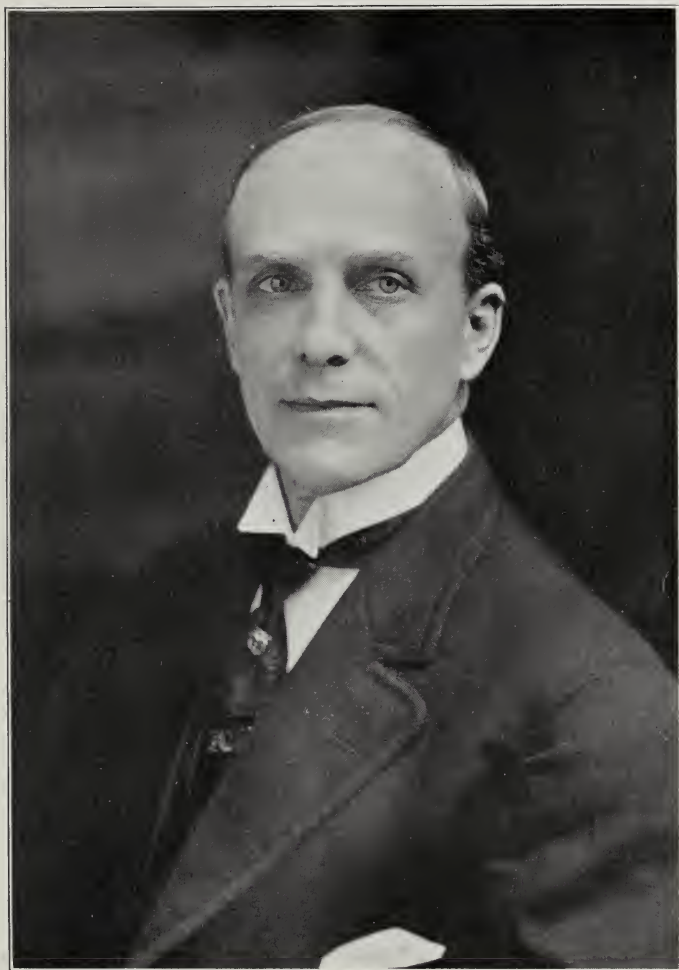
Antrim township, this county, which he still owns and in the cultivation of which he was successfully and profitably engaged until his retirement from active business life. Mr. Gonguer raised hay, corn, oats and wheat, gathering abundant harvests, and in addition to general farming carried on stock-raising on an extensive scale, both branches of his business returning him a gratifying annual income. Several years ago he moved into Upper Sandusky and has since been living in honorable and well earned retirement.

Mr. Gonguer was twice married. His first wife was Miss Cinderella Piper of Wayne county, Ohio, a daughter of John Piper, who was a cooper by trade. Both Mr. and Mrs. Piper have passed away.

On December 18, 1898, at Harpster, Ohio, Mr. Gonguer married Mrs. Harry Young, a daughter of Patrick and Christina (Mahley) Tivenan, the former a prominent farmer in Antrim township. Mrs. Gonguer has a son, Frank Young, by her former marriage. Mr. Gonguer gives his allegiance to the democratic party and makes his public spirit effective in an important way by his service as a member of the school board, with which he has been connected for six years. His life in former years was one of continuous activity, in which was accorded due recognition to labor, and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of Upper Sandusky, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil.

CHARLES F. SHEALY.

Prominent among the enterprising, progressive and prosperous business men of Upper Sandusky is Charles F. Shealy, the president of the Buckeye Foundry & Manufacturing Company. Gradually he has worked his way upward, seeking success along legitimate business lines, his record being another proof of the fact that success is not a matter of genius or of circumstance, as held by some, but is the outcome rather of clear judgment, experience and close application. Mr. Shealy was born in Bucyrus, Ohio, February 19, 1864, and is the eldest of four children, the others being John E., C. Otto and Mary A. The father, John Shealy, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, September 24, 1833, and became a lumber dealer,



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continuing in that business for many years. He married Lena Heiby, who was born in 1840 and is now living at the age of seventy-two years, but Mr. Shealy passed away in 1897. The son, John E., married Jennie Vettters, of Bucyrus, and C. Otto wedded Catherine Kitchler, by whom he has one child, George A. C. Otto is now proprietor of a grocery and bakery establishment in Indiana. The daughter, Mary A., lives with her eldest brother.

The removal of the family to Upper Sandusky gave Charles F. Shealy the opportunity of attending the public schools of this city—an opportunity of which he availed himself until he reached the age of eighteen years. He worked for his father in the lumber business as clerk and manager until the father's death in 1897, when he succeeded him in the ownership of the business and in 1898 admitted E. F. Stephan as a partner. This relationship was continued until 1911 or for a period of thirteen years, at the end of which time Mr. Shealy sold out to Mr. Stephan. He then purchased a machine shop and in 1912 organized a stock company for the conduct of the business with a capital of fifty thousand dollars by taking in the Zanesville Manufacturing & Supply Company. The business is now conducted under the name of the Buckeye Foundry & Manufacturing Company, with Mr. Shealy as the president and William H. Lauer as secretary, treasurer and general manager. They manufacture malleable pipe fittings and do general repairing along mechanical lines. Mr. Shealy has been very successful both in the lumber business and in his present connection. He is now accorded a liberal patronage and his trade is growing month by month. What he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion, for his are well formulated plans and his industry and determination will brook no obstacles that can be overcome by honest effort. He also figures in financial circles of the city as a stockholder in the Commercial Bank and the Citizens Savings Bank.

In Upper Sandusky, on the 24th of October, 1889, Mr. Shealy was married to Miss Mary A. Walter, a daughter of Samuel L. and Candace (Stephenson) Walter, the former a mason contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Shealy have but one child, Walter Allen. The parents are Presbyterians in religious faith and Mr. Shealy belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He is a democrat in politics and he is a member of the Chamber of

Commerce, in full sympathy with the latter organization in its efforts to promote the welfare and progress of his city. His cooperation can be counted upon to further any movement for the general good and he is numbered among the business men whose efforts are contributing to public prosperity as well as to individual success.

GEORGE O. MASKEY, M. D.

Dr. George O. Maskey, who since 1882 has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Upper Sandusky, was born in Nevada, Ohio, February 7, 1856. He is a son of Benjamin and Adeline (Zook) Maskey, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania in 1830 and the latter in Wayne county, Ohio, in 1835. The father was brought to this state when he was still an infant and grew to maturity here, following the carpenter's trade during his business career. He died in 1897, having survived his wife for some time, her death having occurred in 1884. In their family were three children, George O., William F. and Jacob A.

Dr. Maskey spent the period of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof and acquired his early education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky. At the age of sixteen he laid aside his books and for two winters thereafter engaged in teaching in the country schools. When he resigned this position he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware and after three years' study in that institution was made principal of the high school at Upper Sandusky, a position in which he acted for two years. Having determined, however, to make the practice of medicine his life work, he entered the medical department of the Western Reserve University at Cleveland and was graduated in 1882 with the degree of M. D. He returned immediately to Upper Sandusky and formed a partnership with Dr. R. A. Henderson, their association continuing for over five years. Afterward Dr. Maskey entered into partnership with Dr. G. W. Sampson, an association that still maintains. His ability has brought him a large and lucrative patronage which is steadily increasing, and he is numbered among the leaders of the profession in this part of the state. He has some valuable property interests, own-

ing a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Crane township and a comfortable residence and a business block in Upper Sandusky.

On the 28th of October, 1892, Dr. Maskey was united in marriage at Mount Blanchard, Ohio, to Miss Stella Fahl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Fahl, the former a hardware merchant of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Maskey have become the parents of a son, Robert F. Dr. Maskey is a devout adherent of the Methodist church, and fraternally is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and active in local politics, having served as a member of the school board for many years. He did able, conscientious and efficient work during his two terms of service as corporation treasurer and was also health officer for some time and coroner for two terms. His ability and skill along professional lines have been demonstrated in the successful handling of a number of complex medical cases, and he is highly esteemed, not only as a professional man but as a citizen and friend to humanity, who uses his knowledge for the good of his fellowmen.

HARRY S. RIESER.

Harry S. Rieser, who is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families of Wyandot county, is also one of the most progressive merchants and reliable business men of Upper Sandusky, where he conducts a grocery store. He was born in Salem township, December 11, 1869, and is a son of John F. and Nancy (Ewing) Rieser, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Beaver county, Pennsylvania. The father's birth occurred in Baden in 1837 and when he was nine years of age he came to America. After landing at New York he came by canal via Albany and Buffalo and the Great Lakes to Ohio, arriving in Sandusky City, whence he went overland to Upper Sandusky, arriving there early in the year 1846. He grew to maturity in that section and for many years afterward followed farming, becoming also identified with public life as postmaster of Upper Sandusky. In 1894 he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, establishing himself in the grocery business in part-

nership with his son and continuing in it until 1911, when he passed away. His death was widely and deeply regretted, for his success was acquired only through the most upright and straightforward methods and all who had business dealings with him knew him to be a man of strict integrity and honor. His wife's death occurred in 1889. In their family were ten children, six of whom have passed away. Those who survive are: George W., a resident of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs Minnie Chase, of Baltimore, this state; Mrs. Annie Veith of Upper Sandusky; and Harry S., of this review.

Harry S. Rieser acquired his education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky and later was a student in a business college at Poughkeepsie, New York. After he laid aside his books he served for one term as deputy postmaster under his father. He afterward formed a partnership with his father in the grocery business and together they conducted a flourishing enterprise of this character from 1894 until the death of John F. Rieser, since which time the subject of this review has been in business alone. He carries a large and well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, and has been accorded a liberal patronage in recognition of his upright business methods, his courteous service and his earnest desire to please his patrons. Besides his store he owns a valuable business property on Johnson street and an attractive modern residence on South Main street. He is a member of the Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce and well known in this relation as a progressive and enterprising business man whose individual success is a strong element in the city's advancement.

On March 23, 1894, at Upper Sandusky, Mr. Rieser was married to Miss Mary A. Young, a daughter of Edward and Sarah Young, the former a well known farmer of Marseilles township. Mr. and Mrs. Rieser had three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. Those living are Frederick and Joseph E. Mr. Rieser served from 1887 to 1890 as a member of Company B, Ohio National Guard. He gives his allegiance to the republican party, and fraternally is connected with the Masonic order. His religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist religion and he exemplifies in his life the principles in which he believes, serving as steward of his church. Having been a resident of Wyandot county during all his life, he is largely familiar

with its annals from a pioneer period to the present time and in the successful conduct of his business interests has gained a measure of prosperity that entitles him to representation with the substantial and leading citizens of his community.

JOSEPH BOLISH.

Joseph Bolish, county recorder of Wyandot county, was born in Upper Sandusky, September 5, 1872, a son of Christopher and Anna Bolish. The father was born in Prussia in 1829 and worked as a laborer in his native country until he came to Ohio, at the age of thirty-eight. He settled in Upper Sandusky and there his death occurred in 1888. His wife, who was born in Luxemburg, survives him and makes her home in Upper Sandusky. In their family were nine children: Theodore, who died on the steamer while crossing from Germany to America and who was buried at sea in 1866; Susanna, who died in childhood; a child, who died in infancy; Casper, who passed away at the age of twenty-four; Anna, whose death occurred in 1907; Katie, who passed away in 1897; Joseph, of this review; Benjamin; and Theodore, the second of the name.

Joseph Bolish acquired his education in the parochial schools of Upper Sandusky, which he attended until he was thirteen years of age, and when he had laid aside his books he spent three years working as a cigar maker. For one year thereafter he was employed in a brickyard and at the end of that time turned his attention to railroading, an occupation which he followed for four years. He met with a serious accident in the discharge of his duties in this connection, losing his feet, and was obliged to abandon his connection with railroading. He opened a fruit stand which he conducted for three years and at the end of that time bought a farm in Mifflin township, adding to it from time to time until he now owns two hundred acres of valuable and productive land. He resided upon his property for seven years but finally returned to Upper Sandusky and joined his brother Theodore in the conduct of a saloon. At the end of eight years he sold out his interest to his brother in order to give his entire time to the discharge of his duties as county recorder, to which office he

was elected in 1910 and reelected in 1912. He has since filled this position and the affairs of the office are capably managed, everything being done according to the most progressive system. Mr. Bolish gives a stalwart support to the democratic party, for he believes that its principles constitute the first elements of good government.

On July 2, 1895, Mr. Bolish married at Detroit, Michigan, Miss Mary Weber, a daughter of John and Ellen Weber, of Upper Sandusky, the former for many years prominently connected with agricultural interests. He retired in 1910 and makes his home in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Bolish have become the parents of two children, Robert C. and Leta E. Mr. Bolish is well known in his native county and is popular not only with the members of the democratic party but with those who represent the opposition, for he possesses a social, genial nature and wins friends wherever he goes.

RICHARD A. SHEPPARD, D. O.

Dr. Richard A. Sheppard, whose ability in the practice of osteopathy is attested by the liberal patronage accorded him by the people of Upper Sandusky, was born in Fostoria and is a son of Rev. Richard D. and Jessie (Hale) Sheppard, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. The father's birth occurred in 1858 and after he had reached maturity he was ordained a minister. He is now connected with the West Lafayette College. He makes his home in Upper Sandusky. Rev. and Mrs. Richard D. Sheppard became the parents of two children: Jessie Pauline, who died in 1909; and Richard A., of this review.

The last named acquired his early education in the public schools of Fostoria and in the high school at Paris, Illinois. After completing the usual course he entered the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, and was graduated in 1911, with the degree of D. O. He practiced for three months thereafter in North Carolina and then opened a branch office at Fostoria, later selling his practice in that section to Dr. M. A. Prudden. Dr. Sheppard then came to Upper Sandusky and in the intervening period has built up a practice which attests the fact that he is recognized as one

of the best informed and most capable osteopathic physicians in the city. He has always been a close student of his profession and his success further lies in his ability to apply his knowledge correctly to the needs of his patients.

Dr. Sheppard is independent in his political beliefs, voting for men and measures without regard to party lines. He has attained a place of distinction in the Masonic order and along lines of his profession belongs to the Ohio State and the American Osteopathic Associations. In college he was initiated into the Phi Omicron Gamma and still retains his membership. He is a devout member of the Methodist church. In his professional service he is prompted by a laudable ambition to work his way upward and is always actuated by humanitarian principles, which are manifest in a ready and helpful sympathy.

LONDES M. BOWERS.

Londes M. Bowers, one of the members of the Upper Sandusky bar, is well versed in all departments of the science of jurisprudence and his skill and ability have found recognition in a large and representative clientage. He is a native of Wyandot county, born in Crane township, May 25, 1856, his parents being John S. and Mary (Mower) Bowers. The father was born in Richland county in 1825 and during his active life engaged in farming, dying October 17, 1908. His wife was born near Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1828, and passed away in 1906. To their union were born eight children: May, who married Myron B. Case, a farmer of Eden township, by whom she has two children, Mabel and Beulah; Lou M., who became the wife of Elza Carter, a lawyer in Upper Sandusky, by whom she has two sons, Robert and Earl; Londes M., of this review; Newton M., who died in 1886; Mattie E., whose death occurred in 1884; Franz S., who is a fruit grower in the state of Washington and who married Myrtie Van Gundy, by whom he had three children, of whom one has passed away; Virginia, who makes her home in Upper Sandusky; and Floy, who passed away in 1887.

Londes M. Bowers acquired his early education in the district schools of Crane township, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. This he supplemented by a course in college at Ada, graduating in 1885, after which he entered the office of Elza Carter and studied law. He was admitted to the bar at Columbus in 1893 and practiced in Upper Sandusky for one year, entering public life at the end of that time as probate judge of Wyandot county. He served ably and conscientiously for one term and after leaving office practiced his profession alone until 1902, when he formed a partnership with H. H. Newell, which connection still maintains. Mr. Bowers engages in general practice and the power which he has displayed in handling intricate legal problems has won him classification with the most successful and able members of the local bar.

On the 8th of December, 1897, Mr. Bowers married, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Emma L. Peifer, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Kessler) Peifer, of Upper Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers became the parents of three children; Edward P., Mary E. and Robert K. Mr. Bowers gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is well known in the affairs of local organization. He takes an active and public-spirited interest in community affairs but never seeks public office, preferring to devote his entire time to his important professional duties. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Masons and he belongs also to the Chamber of Commerce. He is well known in Upper Sandusky and in the vicinity, for he has resided in Wyandot county all during his life and his many fine qualities of mind and character have won him a wide circle of friends. In his profession he has met with success, while in every relation of life he has won the respect and unqualified confidence of those with whom he has come in contact.

MALCOLM R. JOLLIE.

Among the younger men who are coming forward in Wyandot county and assuming positions of prominence and importance in business and professional circles is Malcolm R. Jollie, who has a large and gratifying patronage as a veterinary



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surgeon in Upper Sandusky. He is a native son of the state, born in Jefferson on the 11th of June, 1889, his parents being Richard C. W. and Mary Belle (Powell) Jollie. The father was born in France on the 15th of March, 1859, and when he was four years of age was brought to America by his parents, who settled in Detroit, Michigan. There the father grew to manhood and was afterward a captain on the Great Lakes for a number of years. The mother of our subject was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1868. They were the parents of three children, Laura E., Malcolm R. and Oliver C.

Malcolm R. Jollie acquired his early education in the public schools of Jefferson and was graduated from the high school in 1907. Later he entered the Ohio State University and in 1910 received his degree of D. V. M. He located for practice in Jefferson but in December, 1911, moved to Upper Sandusky, where in one year he has secured a large and representative patronage, the results he has accomplished being the best proof of his ability. Although still very young he has already achieved a definite degree of prosperity and his many friends do not hesitate to predict for him continued progress in his chosen line.

On the 23d of December, 1911, at Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Jollie was united in marriage to Miss Elinor Adelaide Beers, a daughter of John and Anna Beers. Mr. Beers is a manufacturer of dairy supplies at New Philadelphia, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, where he is well known and prominent. He has recently purchased a farm property in that district. His wife passed away in August, 1910, and of their ten children seven are living. Mr. Jollie is a republican in his political beliefs and is affiliated with the Alpha Psi fraternity. Young, ambitious and energetic, he possesses in his character the elements of success and there is no reason to doubt that he will make still greater progress in his chosen field.

GEORGE KELLER.

George Keller, a representative of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed pioneer families of Wyandot county, is acceptably filling the office of sheriff, bringing to the discharge of his duties the energy, public spirit and conscien-

tiousness which are traditions in his family and which have made its members honored and respected here since early times. He is a native of Upper Sandusky, born March 6, 1860, his parents being Joseph and Mary (Brooks) Keller, natives of Germany. The father was born in Hockenheim, Baden, June 13, 1829, and when he was twenty-three years of age came to America, arriving in Ohio in the spring of 1852. He lived for a short time at Sandusky and then came to Upper Sandusky, where he was an honored resident for nearly sixty years with the exception of a few months that he and his family spent in Belleville, Illinois, in 1866. Joseph Keller worked as a laborer, assisting in the construction of the Pennsylvania Railroad through this part of Ohio and for years had charge as foreman of the first section of that road west of Bucyrus. In the '80s he served for six years as city street commissioner under the administration of D. D. Hare, but for a number of years before his death lived a retired life. He was a devout and faithful member of the Catholic church during his entire life and was one of the greatest individual forces in its spread and expansion in this part of the state. At the time he made his first location here there was no church edifice in Wyandot county and Joseph Keller was one of the band of twenty-five men who erected the first church building and school. He passed away in 1912, in his eighty-third year, and his death was widely and deeply regretted by those among whom he had spent the best part of his life and who honored his integrity and respected his deep sincerity and strength of purpose. Mr. Keller married Miss Mary Brooks, a daughter of Christian and Mary Brooks, both deceased. She was also born in Germany, her natal day being April 3, 1839. She was ten years of age when she came to America with her parents, settling at Mansfield, whence they later moved into Salem township. Her marriage occurred in 1855 and Mrs. Keller proved a worthy and loyal helpmate to her husband during fifty-one years of wedded life. In their family were ten children: Frank B.; Mary; George, of this review; Elizabeth, the wife of Frank Mossbrugger; William, who died in infancy; Rosie Amelia, the wife of Alexander Hampsch, of Cleveland; Bertha; Edward; Clara, the wife of Frank Volz, of Columbus; and William, the second of the name, who passed away at the age of two.

George Keller acquired his early education in the parochial and public schools of Upper Sandusky but laid aside his books at the early age of ten in order to work as a house boy. After three years he obtained employment in a tile and brick yard, spending six years there, after which he worked on a railroad construction train for three years. He spent a similar period of time as clerk in a local produce store and then bought a drayage business, which he conducted successfully for four years. For one year thereafter he worked as a laborer and from 1890 to 1895 engaged in various occupations, finally becoming a member of the local police force. He continued his connection with it until 1902, when he was made marshal of Upper Sandusky, serving loyally and ably until 1909. He resumed private work in that year but in 1912 was elected sheriff of Wyandot county, an office which he still holds. He has proved himself ideally fitted for this position, for he possesses the integrity, ability and courage necessary for the discharge of his duties and he has, moreover, a conscientious public spirit which makes him always alert and eager in the interest of the community.

Mr. Keller married, on June 24, 1902, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Minnie Fritchie, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Shumer) Fritchie, of Upper Sandusky. She also is a representative of one of the pioneer families in the city, her father, Frederick Fritchie, Sr., having been for years one of the best known and most highly respected residents of the community. He was born in Oesingen, Baden, Germany, in 1850, and remained in his native province until he was sixteen years of age. He learned the shoemaker's trade and followed this occupation all during his life, having been for twenty-eight years at the Peifer shoe store in this city. During the years 1870 to 1872 he served in the German army and took part in many of the engagements of the Franco-Prussian war. He arrived in America on May 6, 1876, and spent some time in Philadelphia, after which he made his home in Wyandot county. He was a faithful member of St. Peter's church and a force in local Catholic circles, having been a charter member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio. He married, on April 23, 1878, Miss Mary Shumer, of Norwalk, who died July 13, 1894. To their union were born four children: Minnie the wife of the subject of this review; John, who is

connected with the clothing firm of Fritchie & Pierman; and Fred W., Jr., and George E., both of Upper Sandusky.

George Keller gives firm allegiance to the democratic party and has always been active and loyal in matters of citizenship. He was for three years a member of the Kirby Light Guards and fraternally is connected with the Catholic Knights of Ohio. He has always been a devout and faithful attendant of the Catholic church. Those things which are honorable and worthy find exemplification in his life and his actions are at all times prompted by high and upright standards. He has kept alive family traditions and has added something to the luster of the name which for half a century has stood in Upper Sandusky for integrity, conscientiousness and honor.

FRED STUCKEY.

Fred Stuckey, who is closely connected with the mercantile interests of Upper Sandusky as a dealer in oil and water well supplies, is one of the progressive and prominent business men of the city and in his successful career is following in the footsteps of his father, who founded the enterprise many years ago. He was born in Eden township, June 4, 1880, and is a son of Godfrey and Amelia (Rengsegger) Stuckey. The father, a native of Holmes county, Ohio, was born December 5, 1853, while the mother's birth occurred in Tuscarawas county, this state, July 18, 1855. Godfrey Stuckey was an expert oil well operator and controlled valuable leases in oil lands. In the latter part of his career he established himself as a dealer in oil and water well supplies in Upper Sandusky and was thus engaged at the time of his death. His wife survives him and makes her home in Upper Sandusky. To their union were born three children. Allen R., the eldest, is a dealer in well supplies at Bucyrus, Ohio. He married Winona Poole and they have three children, Wanetta, Glenn and Bernice. Fred is the subject of this review. Pearl, who completes the family, is the wife of Reuben H. Kuenzli, a well supply dealer at Friona, Texas.

Fred Stuckey acquired his education in the district schools of Eden township, which he attended until he was nineteen

years of age, afterward spending one winter studying at Van Wert, Ohio. After laying aside his books he joined his father in the conduct of his oil and water well supply business, Mr. Stuckey of this review conducting the concern alone after his father's death. The firm, operated under the name of Fred Stuckey & Company, is one of the old established business enterprises in Upper Sandusky and is the only one of its kind in the city. Mr. Stuckey has carried forward the business in an able and progressive way and has secured a liberal and representative patronage which has come to him in recognition of his upright business methods and his high standards. He is in addition interested in a similar concern at Friona, Texas, and is a stockholder in the Cook Motor Company at Delaware, Ohio.

Mr. Stuckey belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and to the Orpheus Club at Upper Sandusky, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has spent his entire active life in Wyandot county and is therefore widely and favorably known here, for he has the reputation of a man honorable and straightforward in his business dealings and thus commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

CHARLES F. SMITH.

Charles F. Smith, who since 1891 has been engaged in the insurance and loan business in Upper Sandusky, is one of the prominent business men of the city and is, moreover, active in public life. He was born in Morrow county, December 18, 1862, and is a son of John N. and Barbara (Watson) Smith, the former a native of Morrow county, born December 18, 1840, and the latter of Richland county, born in the same year. The father spent all of his active life engaged in farming and died November 2, 1900. His wife survives him and makes her home in Richland county. They had six children: Charles F., of this review; John W.; Franklin A.; Clyde C.; James R.; and Mollie.

Charles F. Smith acquired his education in the district schools of Morrow county and afterward spent two years at Iberia College. He farmed afterward until 1887 and then be-

came connected with the Central Ohio Buggy Company of Galion, Ohio, with whom he remained for about three years. He spent one year thereafter on a farm in Kansas but in 1891 came to Upper Sandusky and entered the insurance and loan business, with which he has been connected since that time. He has been very successful in the conduct of his interests and has secured a large and representative patronage, accorded him in recognition of his honorable and straightforward business methods. He handles life and fire insurance and all kinds of loans, negotiating all of the business of this character done by the Union Central Life Insurance Company in this district. He has besides other business interests in Upper Sandusky, being a stockholder in the Citizens Savings Bank.

Mr. Smith married, on December 30, 1889, at Lexington, Ohio, Miss Clara Logan. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one daughter, Grace E., who is a graduate of Madam Baur's Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati.

Mr. Smith has always been eminently active and progressive in his citizenship and since casting his first vote has given loyal support to the democratic party. He was elected to represent his district in the state legislature in 1903 and took his seat in 1904, serving as a member of the seventy-sixth and seventy-seventh general assemblies. During this time he lent the weight of his influence to all progressive public measures, standing for right, reform and progress and constantly promoting the interests of his constituents in every possible way. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Methodist Brotherhood, being a devout member of the Methodist church. Mr. Smith belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, taking a deep interest in the general expansion and development of the city, and Upper Sandusky regards him as a valued addition to the ranks of her business men.

HENRY KEAR.

Henry Kear has resided in Wyandot county since his birth in pioneer times and has not only been a witness of the growth and progress of the section but has borne his full share in the work of general improvement and development. As the years

have gone by his well directed efforts have won their natural reward of success and prosperity, so that he stands today among the substantial and wealthy citizens of Upper Sandusky, where he makes his home. Mr. Kear comes of farming stock and a great deal of his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, although for the past twenty-one years he has concentrated his attention upon the development of his insurance business. He was born in Tymochtee township, Wyandot county, which was then Crawford county, Ohio, May 10, 1831, and is a son of Moses and Jemima (Nathan) Kear, the former a native of Tarrytown, New York, born August 29, 1797, and the latter of Ross county, Ohio, where her birth occurred June 4, 1803. The father of our subject was a son of Peter and Anna (Odell) Kear and he spent his early years in Tarrytown, emigrating from that city to Ross county, Ohio, in the year 1812. There he grew to manhood and there his marriage occurred June 4, 1820. He had learned the trade of a gunsmith and followed this in Ross county until June, 1821, when, seeking a broader field of activity, he went to Tymochtee township, this county, where he established himself in business in early pioneer times. He dealt largely with the Indians, who inhabited the section, and built up among them a successful and prosperous patronage until the tribe was removed to the west in 1843. Mr. Kear's mother was a daughter of Nicholas and Catharine (Kimball) Nathan. She grew to womanhood in her native section of Ross county and shared her husband's hard pioneer life. Both have passed away.

Henry Kear grew to manhood in Tymochtee township amid the environments which fell to the lot of all pioneers. He attended the crude country schools of his day, studying in a little log schoolhouse with slabs for seats. He used goose quill pens and was instructed by teachers who never made it a practice to spare the rod and spoil the child. At eighteen he had advanced far enough to receive a certificate to teach and this occupation he engaged in for some twenty years, supplementing at an early period his district-school education by a few terms at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. Later, however, he turned his attention to farming and devoted a great many years of his life to this occupation, abandoning it finally in order to engage in the insurance business in Upper Sandusky, with which he has now been connected for twenty-one years. He deals in all kinds of insur-

ance, including fire, tornado, accident and plate glass, and has secured a large and representative patronage and developed a fine business, the able conduct of which places him among the city's successful and prominent men.

Mr. Kear married, November 24, 1858, at Mexico, Ohio, Miss Susetta E. Gibbs, a daughter of J. P. and Catharine M. Gibbs. Mr. and Mrs. Kear became the parents of four children, John C., Laura M., Mary L. and Seth Sherman, who has passed away. Fraternally Mr. Kear is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he has been a member for fifty-five years, being today in the twenty-eighth year of his service as financial and recording secretary. His religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church and, politically, he supports the man whom he considers best fitted for the position, never being influenced by party lines. He is active in public life and has served ably in various responsible positions, having been justice of the peace for three years and a member of the board of education for more than twenty years. He is a self-made man, who, starting out in life empty-handed and handicapped by the hard conditions of pioneer life, has steadily worked his way upward, his prosperity proving his ability and industry.

IRVIN R. MANKEL.

Mercantile interests in Upper Sandusky find a worthy and progressive representative in Irvin R. Mankel, proprietor of one of the finest jewelry stores in the city and a young man who well deserves his growing prominence in business circles. He is a native son of the city, born March 22, 1889, his parents being Frederick J. and Lizetta (Roszman) Mankel, the former of whom was born in Baden, Germany, in 1852 and the latter in Salem township in 1857. The father learned the shoemaking trade in his native country and came to Upper Sandusky at the age of eighteen, pursuing his chosen line of work until his death, which occurred April 5, 1893. His wife survives him and makes her home in Upper Sandusky.

Irvin R. Mankel acquired his education in the public schools of his native city, attending until he was fifteen years



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of age, after which he clerked for some years in a local jewelry store, becoming subsequently connected with Brauns Brothers, jewelers, as a clerk and after four years bought out his employers' interests and since October, 1912, has been conducting the enterprise alone. His patronage, drawn from the city and from the surrounding country districts, has already made a notable increase, for Mr. Mankel is known to be a man of strict integrity, business ability and straightforward methods. He is also interested in raising high-grade chickens.

On the 26th of June, 1912, Mr. Mankel was married in St. Paul's Lutheran parsonage in Upper Sandusky to Miss Emma M. Oesterly, a daughter of Charles and Katherine (Matz) Oesterly, of this city, the former identified with business interests as a successful butcher. Mr. Mankel gives his allegiance to the democratic party but never seeks public office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Although still a young man he has already attained a gratifying degree of success and his many friends do not hesitate to predict for him continued progress in his chosen field.

THOMAS O'BRIEN.

Thomas O'Brien, who since 1886 has been engaged in the plumbing and steam-fitting business in Upper Sandusky, is one of the most popular and widely known business men of the city, his success rewarding many years of earnest and well directed labor. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, July 6, 1855, and is a son of Patrick and Jane (Branton) O'Brien, the former of whom was born in Ireland in 1833 and the latter in Chicago in 1840. The father came to America when he was fourteen years of age and settled in Chicago, where he engaged in milling and distilling until the temperance crusade of 1876, after which he worked at various occupations until his death, which occurred in 1902. His wife survived him until 1911. In their family were ten children, three of whom have passed away. Those who survive are Thomas, Katie, Sarah J., Robert P., Francis C., Edward and Rosie E.

Thomas O'Brien attended the public schools of Upper Sandusky until he was fourteen years of age and afterward conducted a blacksmith shop until he was twenty-two. He then

learned the plumbing and steam-fitting trade, working at it in Pittsburg until 1886, when he again came to Upper Sandusky and opened a shop of his own. During the intervening years he has built up a large and representative patronage and has gained a reputation for incorruptible integrity in business circles. This, combined with his undoubted ability, is perhaps his greatest asset and accounts for the fact that all of the most important plumbing work done in Wyandot county is entrusted to him. In 1902 he completed the installation of the plumbing and gas fixtures in the county courthouse at Upper Sandusky and has done also some excellent work in private residences and in business buildings. He is very popular with his associates, who recognize in him a man of superior ability and force of character, and who honor his integrity and respect his upright business methods. Mr. O'Brien has a modern, up-to-date shop, excellently equipped, and owns besides a fine residence and a business block in the city. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Upper Sandusky, in the Indian Motor Car Company and is interested in many important corporate enterprises.

On October 22, 1902, Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage at Toledo, Ohio, to Miss Martha McGrath and they have become the parents of a daughter, May R. Mr. O'Brien is independent in his political views, supporting the men and measures in which he believes, without regard for party lines. His strong and salient characteristics are such as endear him to all who come within the close circle of his friendship, while wherever he is known he is respected and honored.

ANDREW F. BARDON.

Andrew F. Bardon, who is successfully engaged in general merchandising in Upper Sandusky, is a native of Wyandot county, born in Pitt township, February 21, 1860. His father, Henry Bardon, was a native of Switzerland, his birth having occurred in 1825, and when he was sixteen years of age he came to America, locating in Crawford county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. At the age of thirty-two he transferred his residence to Wyandot county, buying land in Pitt township, and this property he improved and developed

until his death in 1903. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Elizabeth Hazelbacher, was also born in Switzerland, her birth having occurred in 1833. She survives her husband and makes her home with the subject of this review in Upper Sandusky. In their family were five children: Charles, who met death by drowning at the age of fifty-three; Andrew F., of this review; Sarah J., who died in 1894; Henry J., who is cashier of a bank at Morrow, Ohio, and who married Miss Nellie Bretz, by whom he has two children; and Robert, a telegraph operator at Morrow.

Andrew F. Bardon attended the district school in Pitt township and then worked as a monthly laborer upon neighboring farms for about four years. He spent two years thereafter engaged in various occupations and then, for five years, farmed on shares. At the expiration of that period he bought forty acres of land in Pitt township and after thirteen years, during which time he brought the property to a high state of improvement and development, sold the farm and purchased one hundred and seven acres in Crane township. This he operated for about eleven years but finally rented it out and turned his attention to manufacturing, specializing in a lime and sulphur embalming fluid. His product obtained a ready sale upon the market and he continued in this line of work for two years, after which he came to Upper Sandusky and purchased a department store, with which he is still connected. He carries a large and well selected line of novelties and notions valued at five thousand dollars and in recognition of his straightforward and reliable business methods is accorded an extensive and steadily growing patronage and is well known as a prosperous and progressive merchant and public-spirited citizen. He is in addition a stockholder in the Clear Creek Coal & Lumber Company of Tennessee and also in the Toledo Life Insurance Company of Toledo, Ohio. He owns a handsome residence in Upper Sandusky, the family home standing on a spacious lot of three acres area.

In Upper Sandusky, on August 27, 1885, Mr. Bardon was united in marriage to Miss Alice Bolyard, a daughter of Wilson and Elizabeth (Swinehart) Bolyard, of Upper Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Bardon have four children: Harry P., a farmer, who married Miss Grace Bowers; Grace, who is teaching school; Cleo M., also engaged in teaching; and Robert A., who is pursuing his studies.

Mr. Bardon is a democrat in his political beliefs and eminently public-spirited and progressive in matters of citizenship. For three years he was supervisor of Crane township, district No. 2, and was for eight years a valued member of the school board. His entire life has been passed in this county where he is widely known, and he has many friends who have known him since childhood and who can attest to the fact that his life has been in all respects upright and honorable.

GEORGE S. EVANS, D. D. S.

Dr. George S. Evans, who since May 1, 1908, has practiced dentistry in Upper Sandusky with constantly increasing success, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, February 23, 1881. He is a son of Charles and Edith (Berlet) Evans, both natives of Delaware county, born in 1854. The father was the proprietor of a transfer line and cab livery at Delaware, an enterprise with which he was connected until his death in 1888. His wife survives him and makes her home in her native section. In their family were two children: George S., of this review; and Ernest V., who is chief clerk of a chemical manufacturing company at St. Louis, Missouri.

Dr. Evans acquired his early education in the public schools of Delaware, afterward entering the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated with the degree of D.D. S. in 1903. He opened an office for the practice of his profession in his native city and there remained two years, after which he went to Shanghai, China, and was successful in the practice of dental surgery for three years, becoming during that time a member of the Shanghai Volunteer Infantry, which was organized to protect the property of the foreign inhabitants. Upon his return to America he settled in Upper Sandusky and has since been identified with the dental profession here. He has demonstrated his skill and ability by much successful and difficult work and has already built up a good practice.

On the 12th of July, 1905, Dr. Evans was united in marriage at Homer, Illinois, to Miss Roxie Butler, a daughter of Calvin B. and Venora L. (Whitlock) Butler, the former a prominent hardware merchant of that place. Dr. Evans is

well known in the Masonic order and in the Knights of the Maccabees and is deeply interested in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party. Although a young man he has already become a recognized factor in the life of the city, for he is very popular in social circles and in professional life has gained rank with those whose ability and energy have won them wide recognition.

SOLOMON S. LANGABAUGH.

Solomon S. Langabaugh, who is prominently connected with business interests of Upper Sandusky as a partner in the firm of Langabaugh Brothers, buggy dealers, and who conducts also an important real-estate business, was born in Henderson county, Illinois, April 14, 1853. He is a son of Samuel and Martha (Cherry) Langabaugh, both natives of Pickaway county, Ohio, the father born in 1808 and the mother in 1812. The father was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation until his death, which occurred in 1853. His wife has also passed away, having survived her husband until 1893. In their family were fourteen children: Ellen, George, John and Joseph, all of whom have passed away; Catherine, who married William Johns, a farmer in Kansas, by whom she has three children; Amanda, Elizabeth, Martha and Samuel, all deceased; Jesse, a member of the firm of Langabaugh Brothers of which our subject is a partner; Jacob, David and Sarah, deceased; and Solomon, of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the district schools of Tymochtee township and in the Carey high school, from which he was graduated at the age of nineteen. He then worked as a farm hand for about nine years and at the expiration of that time bought one hundred acres of land in Tymochtee township and after living upon it for eleven years sold it and came to Upper Sandusky. He spent the first four years of his residence here as treasurer of Wyandot county and in 1901 established himself in the implement and buggy business. After two years he sold the implement department and has since developed the other branch into a large

and profitable concern, following only the most straightforward and upright business methods and being rewarded by a liberal and growing patronage. Mr. Langabaugh is a member of the firm of Langabaugh Brothers and is also interested in real estate, handling a great deal of valuable property and doing also a large loan business. He is a stockholder in the Commercial National Bank and in the Citizens Savings Bank and belongs to the Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce, these connections indicating something of his high standing in financial and business circles.

Mr. Langabaugh married, in Tiffin, Ohio, October 20, 1881, Miss Florence M. Stokley, a daughter of Louis and Sarah Stokley, the former a prominent farmer of Tymochtee township. Mr. Langabaugh is connected fraternally with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias and he belongs also to the Wyandot Agricultural Society. He is one of Upper Sandusky's most enterprising and progressive men and his straightforward dealings, together with his industry, have won him an excellent reputation and a high place among substantial and desirable citizens.

BENJAMIN QUICK AYRES, D. D. S.

Dr. Benjamin Quick Ayres, whose ability in the practice of dentistry is attested by the liberal patronage accorded him by the citizens of Upper Sandusky, was born in this city, June 17, 1861, and is a son of William and Harriett (Quick) Ayres. The father was born in Perrysville, Ashland county, in 1815, and spent his active life as a contractor and builder. He was also prominent in public affairs and held the position of county commissioner of Wyandot county at the time of his death, which occurred on October 4, 1879. His wife was born in Loudonville, Ashland county, in 1817. She also has passed away. In their family were nine children: Mendus, who died at the age of fourteen; Mary J., who passed away when she was twelve years of age; Jonathan, who died in infancy; William M., whose death occurred in 1909; Ella, who died in 1905; Clara, who makes her home in Upper Sandusky with the subject of this review; Girard, a bookkeeper, who married Belle

Frost, by whom he has three children: Benjamin Quick, the subject of this review; and one child who died in infancy.

Dr. Benjamin Q. Ayres acquired his early education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky and was later a student at the Ohio Dental College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1890, with the degree of D. D. S. Immediately afterward he opened an office for the practice of his profession in Upper Sandusky and has here continued since that time. He is an exhaustive student of dentistry, interested in each new development along lines of his profession and well versed in its underlying principles, and the success which has attended his labors is the best proof of his ability. He has left his mark also upon business interests of the city, being the owner of a fine business block, a valuable tract of business property at the corner of Johnson and Sandusky avenues, and two residences, one on South Eighth street and one on Seventh street. He is besides a stockholder in the Commercial National Bank. As a member of the Chamber of Commerce he gives his indorsement to all measures undertaken in the interest of the city and in his political beliefs is a democrat. He was for six years a member of the Kirby Light Guards. He is well known in Upper Sandusky, being a recognized factor in business life, while in professional circles he has taken his place with those whose ability and close application have won for them wide recognition.

CHARLES F. CLOSE.

The bar of Wyandot county finds a worthy and capable representative in Charles F. Close, who is now serving for a second term as prosecuting attorney, in which connection he is making an excellent record. He was born January 13, 1882, in Nevada, Ohio, a son of James T. and Loraine S. Close. The father is a well known attorney and court stenographer for the district comprising Marion, Crawford and Wyandot counties. He came to this county at an early day and for many years has engaged in the practice of law or in court reporting, in which connections he has become widely known. He makes his home in Upper Sandusky. The children of that family are: Charles F.; Anna, the wife of Julius J. Beck-

man, of Cleveland, Ohio, by whom she has one child, Loraine; James T., who died April 1, 1909; Imogene M., who is a clerk in the forestry department at Washington, D. C.; Loraine, a clerk in the patent office at Washington; and John S., who is yet in school.

At the usual age Charles F. Close became a pupil in the public schools of this county and passed through the consecutive grades until graduated from the high school of Upper Sandusky in 1900. He afterward spent one year in study in an academy in the east, at which time he entered upon a stenographic course in Walworth College in New York city. Becoming well qualified for work of that character, he was engaged as one of the court stenographers of this district and so continued from 1901 until 1911, possessing expert ability for the work that devolved upon him. While thus engaged he took up the study of law and in 1906 was admitted to the bar. Four years later he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney. He entered upon the duties of the position in 1911 and made such an excellent record during his first year's term that he was reelected without opposition and is now serving for a second term. He discharges his duties with marked ability and fidelity, carefully safeguarding the interests of the public, and has proven his knowledge of law to be comprehensive and accurate. He is a close and cogent reasoner and his deductions are logical and convincing.

On the 11th of October, 1911, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Mr. Close was married to Miss Helen E. Hare, a daughter of C. D. and May (McCutcheon) Hare, the former a prominent insurance man of Wyandot county. Mr. Close gives his political allegiance to the democratic party.

JASPER E. LANKER.

Jasper E. Lanker, engaged in the general practice of law in Upper Sandusky and also prominently connected with business interests as an insurance and real-estate agent, was born in Eden township, May 6, 1880. He is a son of Joseph A. and Sarah Viola (Taylor) Lanker, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Eden township in 1860 and the latter in Holmes township, Crawford county, in the same year. The father is a



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farmer and also operates a threshing outfit, living upon the old homestead of two hundred and forty-three acres in his native section. He and his wife have four children. Jasper E. is the subject of this review. Edgar L., a farmer of Eden township, married Edna Fox, by whom he has three children, Clare, Viola and Edgar, Jr. Pearl T. will graduate in June, 1913, with the degree of A. M., from the Ohio Northern University. Fairy Q. married Professor Chalmer A. Riggle, a teacher in the Edgerton high school, Williams county. They have one son, Albertus L. Riggle.

Jasper E. Lanker acquired his early education in the district schools of Eden township, which he attended until he was sixteen years of age, and he afterward entered the Ohio Northern University at Ada. After one year in that institution he began teaching school and continued in this occupation for nine years, later studying law and engaging to some extent in literary work. He spent two years afterward teaching school in Crawford county and was then for one year upon a farm in that section. He continued farming for some time, removing to one of his father's properties in Eden township but coming to Upper Sandusky in 1912. Here he associated himself with his uncle, Judge T. D. Lanker, in the practice of law and has continued in this occupation since that time. The Judge has, however, retired from active life and Mr. Lanker manages all the legal business of the office. He is a strong, able and forceful practitioner, well versed in the underlying principles of law and possessed of the strong intellectual powers necessary for success in this difficult profession. As a consequence he has secured a large and representative patronage, connecting him with much important litigation, and he holds a prominent place among the successful and able lawyers of this section. Mr. Lanker is also interested in the insurance and real-estate business and sells bonds for the Geiger Jones Company of Canton, Ohio, for which he acts as agent in Wyandot county. He has some valuable realty holdings in Upper Sandusky, most of which is improved real estate, and he holds title to three fine residences in the city, all located on Fourth street.

On January 10, 1903, Mr. Lanker married, in Upper Sandusky, Miss Marguerite Courtad, a daughter of Joseph A. Courtad, a prominent farmer of Crane township. Mr. and Mrs. Lanker have two children, Cella Helen and Paul Thomas.

Mr. Lanker gives his allegiance to the democratic party but is never active politically. During his university days he belonged to the Cadet Corps. He is still a young man but he has already attained a gratifying success in his profession and in business life and he has many friends in Upper Sandusky, who do not hesitate to predict for him continued progress in both fields.

GEORGE W. SAMPSON, M. D.

The medical fraternity of Wyandot county numbers among its representatives no more able, talented or worthy practitioner than Dr. George W. Sampson, whose work during the thirty-three years of his professional life has been successful, beneficial and far-reaching in its results. He is today one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons in Upper Sandusky, his labors embracing the duties of a large private practice as well as those of United States pension examiner and surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was born in Seneca county, July 15, 1854, and is the son of one of the pioneers in this part of Ohio, his father, Dr. George W. Sampson, having been physician to the Indians in Tymochtee township for many years after his settlement here in 1828. In that year he commenced the practice of his profession and in 1830 moved to McCutchenville, where he resided until his death, which occurred at the age of ninety-two years and four months. In the early times he aided the Indians with professional help and advice and became much beloved by them. He also conducted a flourishing and representative private practice and was one of the most prominent and popular physicians of his time. He married Miss Nancy F. Huff, who was born in 1821 and who passed away in 1875. They were the parents of three children: Alice, who died at the age of four years; George W., of this review; and Emma, who married William N. Wilkin, a salesman in Tiffin, Ohio, by whom she had one daughter, Nellie, who died at the age of three years.

Dr. George W. Sampson acquired his early education in a select school at Tiffin, Ohio, and afterward attended Heidelberg University of that city. Before beginning his senior

year there he went to Toledo and engaged in the commission business, spending a year and a half at this occupation. At the end of that time he resumed his studies, working for three months in the Toledo School of Design and then studying medicine under his father, who was located at McCutchenville. Having determined to make the practice of this profession his life work, he went in 1878 to Keokuk, Iowa, where he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated in 1880 with the degree of M. D. In the same year he joined his father in the practice of medicine at McCutchenville and their association continued for six years, Dr. Sampson of this review coming to Upper Sandusky in 1886. He opened an office for the practice of his profession and has since maintained a continuous residence here. He is deeply interested in his profession, having long been a thorough and discriminating student of the science of medicine, and he has carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of research along medical lines. That he has attained proficiency and skill is indicated in the large practice which is accorded him and which has made him one of the successful members of the medical fraternity in Wyandot county. He and Dr. G. O. Maskey, with whom he is associated in practice, do a great deal of the surgical work performed in this part of the state and have a wide and growing reputation which they have secured by reason of the remarkable results which they have achieved along this line. Aside from his private practice Dr. Sampson is also acting as pension examiner and president of the pension board, under appointment by President McKinley, and is also doing notable work as surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Upper Sandusky, a position which he has held continuously for twenty-five years.

On the 1st of September, 1881, Dr. Sampson was united in marriage at McCutchenville to Miss Anne E. Johnson, a daughter of Milo C. and Hannah (Brundage) Johnson, the former a farmer residing near McCutchenville. Dr. and Mrs. Sampson have a daughter, Grace E., who is a graduate of Madame Baur's Conservatory of Music.

Dr. Sampson owns a fine residence on South Sandusky avenue and also one hundred and fifteen acres of land in Crane township, from the rent of which he derives a comfortable addition to his income. He is a man who has always been faithful to every obligation of his life, discharging his pro-

fessional work and the duties of citizenship ably and loyally. When only ten years of age, in 1864, he enlisted in the Federal army as a drummer boy and went with his company as far as Camp Chase, where, owing to his extreme youth, he was not accepted for service. However, he was even then very patriotic and loyal and did valuable work in recruiting the Forty-ninth Volunteer Infantry, under General William H. Gibson. Dr. Sampson gives his political support to the republican party and is especially interested in educational affairs, having served from 1911 to 1912 as president of the local school board. He is connected with the Masonic order, in which he belongs to the Knights Templar, and is also identified with the Red Men and the Tribe of Ben Hur. In professional lines he belongs to the Wyandot County Medical Society and the Ohio State Medical Society, and he is also a member of the National Railroad Surgeons Association and the Pennsylvania Railroad Surgeons Association. Except in the positions before mentioned Dr. Sampson has never sought to figure prominently in public life, preferring to give his undivided attention to his professional duties, which he discharges with a sense of conscientious obligation and with a thorough understanding of the responsibility which devolves upon him.

CHARLES OESTERLEY.

Charles Oesterley, who since 1892 has conducted a butcher business in Upper Sandusky, is a native of Germany, born March 12, 1857, and is a son of Andrew and May (Berkly) Oesterley. The father was a butcher by trade and conducted a store in his native country for some time. He was born in 1827 and in 1863 came to Ohio, where he died in 1892. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred January 26, 1890, when she was sixty-three years two months and fifteen days of age.

Charles Oesterley acquired a limited education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky, which he attended until he was fourteen years of age, but his educational advantages were extremely limited and have been supplemented in later life by constant reading, experience and observation. For two years after laying aside his books he worked in a brick

yard in Upper Sandusky but afterward learned the butcher business, at which he worked in the employ of others until 1892, when he began his independent career. He owns a first-class, modern butcher shop, equipped with machinery and fixtures valued at fifteen hundred dollars, and in recognition of his straightforward business methods and high quality of the goods which he handles has been accorded a liberal and constantly increasing patronage. He owns in addition eighteen acres of land and a comfortable and commodious residence on North Third street.

On the 15th of May, 1892, Mr. Oesterley married, in Upper Sandusky, Miss Katie Matz, a daughter of George and Catherine Matz, the former of whom followed the occupation of carpet weaving. Mr. Matz was born in 1837 and died in 1907, while his wife was born in 1839 and died in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Oesterley became the parents of a daughter, Emma, who married Irving Mankle, a jeweler of Upper Sandusky.

Mr. Oesterley is a devout adherent of the German Lutheran church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He is interested in the progress and welfare of the community in which he has resided for so many years and as a member of the town council did his best to promote all measures of reform and advancement. Although born in Germany and still loyal to the memory of his fatherland, Mr. Oesterley's enterprising and progressive spirit has made him a typical American in every sense of the word. By constant exertion, guided by good judgment, he has raised himself to the prominent position he now holds in mercantile circles, having the friendship of many and the respect of all who know him.

WILLIAM J. FRAZIER.

William J. Frazier, who since 1854 has been engaged in the cabinet-maker's trade, is one of the oldest residents in Upper Sandusky and has been an active force in the growth and development of the city for almost half a century. He was born in Canal Dover, Ohio, October 13, 1830, and is a son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Spach) Frazier, the former a na-

tive of New Jersey, born in 1802, and the latter of Stark county, her birth having occurred about the year 1807. The father was a carpenter by trade and a pioneer in Canal Dover, having come to that community before the canal was constructed. He died in 1872 and was survived by his wife until 1907.

William J. Frazier was one of a family of eleven children. He grew to manhood in Holmes county and there attended district school until he was seventeen years of age, walking three miles daily to the schoolhouse. After he had laid aside his books he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it for two years, after which he took up cabinet-making, in which he has now engaged for over half a century. Each year of this period has added something to his skill and today he is one of the most expert workmen in his line in the state. He was one of the pioneers in Wyandot county, coming to the section in 1864, when it was still comparatively undeveloped, and throughout the course of his long residence here his interest in its further progress and advancement has never lessened. For a time he was foreman of the sash and door factory in Upper Sandusky but afterward became connected as a cabinet-maker with Brinkerhoff's music store, where he has been employed for thirty-two years, winning that prosperity which always follows earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

Mr. Frazier married, February 18, 1854, at Dayton, Ohio, Miss Elizabeth Leggett, a daughter of David and Lydia Leggett. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier became the parents of eleven children, five of whom are still living. Sarah Alice, the eldest, married Curtis McBride, a lawyer in Mansfield, and they have one son, Victor. Harry L. is a postoffice railroad clerk in Chicago. He married Miss Hattie Parkinson, and they became the parents of two sons, Karl F. and William. Arthur D. is also a postoffice clerk in Chicago. He is married and has a daughter, Edith. Annette married Harry Striner, a painter and paper hanger in Upper Sandusky. They have four children, Irene, Alice, Kenneth and Morris. Charles L. is the proprietor of a steam laundry in Upper Sandusky. His wife was in her maidenhood Miss Myrtle Kirk, and they have one son, John K.

Mr. Frazier gives a general allegiance to the republican party but, while he is public-spirited in his citizenship, his

interest never takes the form of office seeking. He is active in everything pertaining to the city's progress, and movements for the public good have never sought his aid in vain. Moreover, in his business career he has demonstrated the value and worth of unflagging perseverance, determination and unsullied business integrity and throughout the many years of his activity in Wyandot county has gained the full trust and confidence of those with whom he has been associated.

ALLEN B. WHITNEY.

Allen B. Whitney is one of the prominent and leading business men of Wyandot county, being president of the Ohio Manufacturing Company and vice president of the Citizens Savings Bank of Upper Sandusky. He was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, December 2, 1877, a son of Amza A. and Jennie (Henderson) Whitney, the former born in Sunbury, this state, in 1852, and the latter in Mount Vernon in 1850. The father was for many years a dry-goods merchant at Mount Gilead, Ohio, and there his death occurred August 20, 1911. He had survived his wife since 1885. They were the parents of three children: Allen B., of this review; Clarence; and Horace, who married Bertha Talmage.

Allen B. Whitney acquired his early education in the public schools of Mount Gilead, graduating from the high school in that city. He later attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, receiving his degree from that institution in 1899. Afterward for two years he taught school and then was for one year traffic manager for the United States Telephone Company. At the end of that time he turned his attention to banking, entering the National Bank of Morrow County at Mount Gilead, as assistant cashier, but after two years he came to Upper Sandusky and became connected in 1905 with the Ohio Manufacturing Company as secretary. His worth as a shrewd and able business man was recognized when in 1909, after the death of his father-in-law, M. W. Kouns, he was made president of the concern, a position which he still holds, being also vice president of the Citizens Savings Bank. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of per-

ception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought him a high degree of prosperity.

Mr. Whitney married, February 24, 1903, at Washington Court House, Ohio, Miss Jane Kouns, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Kouns, of Columbus, the father being for many years connected with the Ohio Manufacturing Company as president. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney had three children, Alfred, Richard and Virginia.

Mr. Whitney is a member of the Methodist church and politically is identified with the democratic party. He is a member of the Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce and has important fraternal affiliations, belonging to the lodge, chapter and commandery of the Masonic order, and to the Knights of Pythias. He is recognized as a leader in business circles of Upper Sandusky and he well merits the success which has come to him, for it has been gained through business methods which neither seek nor require disguise.

JOSEPH NEIDIG.

One of the most straightforward, energetic and successful business men of Upper Sandusky is Joseph Neidig, who conducts a marble yard and monument business in the city which is his native community. His birth occurred on the 28th of November, 1862, and he is a son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Cook) Neidig, natives of Germany, the father born in Baden in 1822 and the mother in 1827. Valentine Neidig was a tailor by trade and followed that occupation both in Germany and America. He died in 1906, his wife surviving him until 1911. In their family were fourteen children, eight of whom are still living, namely; Herbert, Joseph, Katie, Peter, Henry, William, Maggie and Lizzie.

Joseph Neidig attended the parochial schools of Upper Sandusky until he was twelve years of age and then laid aside his books and worked at various occupations until 1886. In that year he began to learn the marble-working trade and after mastering its details, engaged in it for seventeen years. He became a proficient and expert worker, commanding high



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wages, and, being ambitious and energetic, he saved his money and eventually became able to establish a business of his own. He opened a marble yard and monument business in his present location and in the course of years gained prosperity and success, being now numbered among the representative business men of the town. His place is modern and completely equipped and all of his work shows individuality and attractiveness of design as well as skill in execution. In all of his activities Mr. Neidig is systematic and methodical and his laudable ambition and determination have been forceful elements in his success.

On June 15, 1887, Mr. Neidig was united in marriage at Upper Sandusky to Miss Sarah A. Feely, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Feely, the former a prosperous farmer who came to Ohio in 1855 and died in this state in 1902, at the age of sixty-seven. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Neidig are the parents of two children. Hortense married Charles W. Bringman, of Upper Sandusky, who is well known as a musician and leader of the Citizens Band. They have one son, Wallace Paul. The other child born to Mr. and Mrs. Neidig is a son, Clarence P.

Mr. Neidig has extensive fraternal relations, being a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Improved Order of Red Men. For five years he was a member of the Kirby Light Guards. In his political views he is a loyal democrat, giving stanch support to the men and measures of that party. He served as councilman for two years but has held no other public office, not being ambitious for official recognition. He is widely known in Upper Sandusky, where he has spent his entire life and where his genuine personal worth, high integrity and straightforward principles have gained for him the good-will, trust and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

JOHN H. KINLEY.

John H. Kinley, merchant and inventor, is one of the well known men in business circles of Upper Sandusky, where his name stands for progress, enterprise and strict business integrity. He has conducted a large hardware store since 1896

and his honorable methods and straightforward dealings have been rewarded by a steadily increasing success, which places him among the men of prominence and importance in the city. He is a native of Wyandot county, born in Tymochtee township, February 27, 1857, a son of George Frederick and Susanna (Soehunberger) Kinley, natives of Baden, Germany, the father born in 1814 and the mother in 1817. George F. Kinley came to the United States in 1846 and settled in Ohio, where he engaged in farming until his death on April 14, 1874. His wife survived him many years, dying on September 19, 1906. In their family were seven children. The eldest, Frederick, who passed away in 1909, engaged in farming. He married Hester A. Brown and they had two children, William E. and Nava N. William has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Laura Swinhart, who passed away in 1901. His second wife was a native of Indiana. He has three children. Henry is county commissioner of Crane township. He married Mary E. Tillen and has eight children. Mary became the wife of Frank Marks, formerly a contractor in Wichita, Kansas. He died in 1900, leaving four children. Louis married Ellen Von Blon and after her death in 1886 wedded Amelia Weber. They reside in Upper Sandusky and are the parents of one child. Caroline married Levi Paulin, a carpenter in Santa Barbara, California. They have six children. John H. is the subject of this review and the youngest child in this family.

The last named attended district school in Tymochtee township and high school in Upper Sandusky. He supplemented this by a course in the normal school at Ada and by a few years' attendance at Valparaiso College, after which he spent ten years teaching school. During the summers he worked at the carpenter's trade but in 1886 secured a position as clerk in the hardware store conducted by J. A. Gottfried & Brother, and he there remained for ten years, learning the details of the business and becoming an expert in modern merchandising. In 1896 he established himself in business, purchasing a small hardware store in Upper Sandusky. His enterprise was destroyed by fire in 1909, but he immediately rebuilt and installed a new line of hardware and queensware. Mr. Kinley has here a complete, modern and up-to-date establishment, one hundred and sixty-four feet long and three stories high. His stock is well selected and

his business methods are above reproach. He has patented some very ingenious appliances, known as the Kinley scoop flue stop and the Kinley victor flue stop, which he manufactures and jobs to the wholesale trade all over the United States, his profits from the sales of his inventions being a valuable addition to his income. Mr. Kinley is known in Upper Sandusky as a reliable, efficient and far-sighted business man, and these qualities have secured for him a gratifying patronage and made his name an important one in business circles.

On the 12th of May, 1881, Mr. Kinley married, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Caroline F. Stecher, a daughter of George J. and Christina (Mollenberger) Stecher, the former a gardener in Upper Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Kinley became the parents of five children. Harry E. is clerking in his father's store in Upper Sandusky. He married Miss Abbie L. Lowery, daughter of W. J. Lowery. The others are George F., J. Avery, Villa C. and Everet R. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Kinley's fraternal connections are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal Arcanum and the Rebekahs. He is a staunch republican in his political beliefs and has served as councilman for the third ward, his service being distinguished by straightforward and conscientious work in the city's interests. From 1880 to 1884 he was a member of the Kirby Light Guards. He is one of the active and progressive merchants of Upper Sandusky—a man of good business capacity and enterprise and of unquestioned integrity, enjoying in an unusual degree the confidence and good will of the community.

HENRY CLAY LITTLE.

Henry Clay Little, who since 1885 has been in the poultry business in Upper Sandusky, is senior member of the firm of H. Little & Sons, poultry dealers and shippers. His store is the largest of its kind in this part of Ohio and he himself, by reason of his progressive methods and resourceful ability, is numbered among the men who have for years been active in promoting and shaping the business development of the

state. He was born in Upper Sandusky, September 14, 1854, and is a son of Alexander H. and Elizabeth (Huff) Little, the former born in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1822, and the latter in Germany, in 1834. The father came to Wyandot county when he was still a boy and grew to manhood in this section, following the occupation of farming. He was well known in local politics and for the last twenty years of his life served as constable, dying in 1897. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1873. In their family were three children: Henry Clay, of this review; Alice E.; and May A.

Henry C. Little attended district school in Crane township until he was nineteen years of age and then turned his attention to farming, an occupation which he followed until 1882. For four years thereafter he worked upon a farm in Kansas but at the end of that time returned to Upper Sandusky and after three years embarked in the poultry business, with which he has been connected since that time. In business circles his name has become a synonym for integrity, honor and straightforward dealing and as a result his concern has grown and expanded, being today one of the largest in Ohio. Mr. Little has taken his two sons into partnership with him under the firm name of H. Little & Sons and the father handles all kinds of dressed and live poultry besides doing an extensive shipping business to the eastern markets, where they sell about six hundred thousand pounds a year. Mr. Little is a progressive, able and successful business man, who has gained prosperity by hard and intelligently directed work through the years and who stands today as a central figure in mercantile circles. He also owns two hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Texas and has recently erected a modern, nine-room residence on South street, Upper Sandusky, and has here besides extensive property interests, owning three other fine dwellings, which he rents out, besides his valuable business structure.

Mr. Little married, on the 3d of October, 1878, in Allen county, Ohio, Miss Christina A. McKee, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McKee, the former a prominent farmer of Allen county. Mr. and Mrs. Little became the parents of three children. Walter is the eldest in the family. Forest H., married Matilda Baldauf, a daughter of Andy Baldauf, of Upper Sandusky. They have four children, Earl H., Laura M., Rob-

ert and Ray F. Birdie, the youngest child in this family, became the wife of Harry Schuler, a poultry buyer in Upper Sandusky, connected with the firm of H. Little & Sons. They have one child, Russell.

Mr. Little gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and his only fraternal relation is with the Royal Arcanum. Few men are more prominent or more widely known in Upper Sandusky than he, for he has been an important factor in business circles for almost twenty-five years, and his prosperity is well deserved, for it is the result of his unbending integrity, his energy and his well directed industry.

WALTER M. SMALLEY, M. D.

Dr. Walter M. Smalley, practicing in Upper Sandusky along modern scientific lines, is recognized as an able exponent of his profession and the liberal patronage accorded him is proof of the confidence reposed in him by the general public. He is also a successful and discriminating business man, his shrewdness and foresight being important elements in the rapid expansion of the Union National Drug Company, of which he is the vice president and a large stockholder. He was born in Fredericksburg, Wayne county, Ohio, January 19, 1862, and is a son of Dr. Jacob W. and Margaret C. Armstrong (Porter) Smalley. The father was a native of Wayne county, born August 30, 1822, and a prominent and successful practicing physician, engaging in the duties of his profession until 1882 and passing away in 1902. The mother was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Porter, early settlers in Holmes county. She has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1901. In their family were four children: William P., who makes his home with the subject of this review; Walter M., the subject of this sketch; Charles E., who married Miss Effie Sellers, of Marysville, Ohio, and who has four children; and Richard, who lives in the west.

Dr. Walter M. Smalley acquired his early education in the grammar and high schools of Upper Sandusky and supplemented this by a course in the Western Reserve University at Cleveland, which he attended for two years. He later en-

tered the Fort Wayne (Indiana) College of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1889 with the degree of M. D. In the same year he began the practice of his profession at Ohio City, in Van Wert county, and there continued for fourteen years, coming at the end of that time to Upper Sandusky, where he has since lived. Here he opened an office and has been successful in the general practice of medicine and surgery, his ability drawing to him a large and representative patronage. For five years he was associated with Dr. Naus in the conduct of the Smalley & Naus Sanitarium but in 1911 he sold out his interests to his partner. By reading and investigation Dr. Smalley keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession and his labors have been attended with excellent results viewed from both a financial and professional standpoint. He is, besides, well known in business circles of Upper Sandusky as vice president of the Union National Drug Company, which was incorporated in 1911 with the following officers: J. W. T. Davis, president; Dr. Walter M. Smalley, vice president; and Ira R. Pontius, secretary and treasurer. Dr. Smalley is also vice president of the Cosmo Buttermilk Soap Company and is a large stockholder in that concern.

On April 23, 1890, Dr. Smalley was united in marriage in Upper Sandusky to Miss Myrtie L. Kenan, a daughter of Alvin and Elizabeth Kenan, the former a prominent real-estate dealer of the city. Dr. and Mrs. Smalley have three children, Margaret Elizabeth, Alvin Kenan and Cora Helen. The family reside in a comfortable and attractive residence in Upper Sandusky, which forms only a part of Dr. Smalley's extensive real-estate interests which include valuable tracts of residence and business property.

Dr. Smalley is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Maccabees, and he belongs also to the Chamber of Commerce. He was for four years a member of Company B, Ohio National Guard, and served ably and efficiently as a member of the board of deputy supervisors of election of Wyandot county. He is a progressive and earnest physician, keeping in touch with the trend of modern thought concerning matters of professional advancement, but with a

mind broad enough in its scope to include interest in municipal and business affairs. He has made a creditable record both as a business man and as a member of the medical fraternity and has met with gratifying success in his practice.

FRANKLIN J. STALTER.

Franklin J. Stalter, a prominent and successful attorney at law in Upper Sandusky, was born in Sycamore township, this county, September 18, 1870. He is a son of Jacob and Saloma (Pennington) Stalter, both natives of Sycamore township, the former born in 1831 and the latter in 1839. The father died in 1878 and is survived by his wife, who makes her home in Sycamore. They were the parents of seven children, Alvada, James, Rose, Mary, David, Franklin J. and Allen P.

Franklin J. Stalter acquired his preliminary education in the public schools of Sycamore and in 1898 was graduated in law from the Northern Ohio University at Ada, receiving in that year his degree of LL. B. In the same year he was admitted to the bar of Ohio but did not immediately begin the practice of his profession, spending two years after his admission in teaching school. In 1900 he opened an office in Sycamore and there remained for four years, coming at the end of that time to Upper Sandusky, where he has since remained. His ability and knowledge are indicated by a large and steadily increasing patronage which connects him with much important litigation, the able conduct of which has gained him a leading place in the ranks of the legal fraternity of Wyandot county.

On the 18th of July, 1899, in Sycamore township, Mr. Stalter was united in marriage to Miss Bertha E. Grelle, a daughter of George H. and Regena Grelle, of Sycamore township. Mr. and Mrs. Stalter have four children, Saloma Regena, Helen, Martha Arvilla and Harriet Marquieta. Mr. Stalter is associated with the Reformed church, and fraternally is connected with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and takes an active and intelligent interest in public affairs. He is particularly interested in educational matters and has done

able work in advancing the cause of public education in the city as a member of the board of education, of which he is also secretary. He served his party ably in 1912 as a delegate to the fourth congressional convention, held at Columbus, and his political support is always given to progressive public measures and projects for the general good. He is a public-spirited and loyal citizen, anxious to advance the community interests while not neglectful of his own, and his record both in public service and in professional circles is honorable and worthy.

GEORGE J. STECHER.

George J. Stecher, a prominent member of the Upper Sandusky bar, has been practicing in this city since 1895 and by reason of his knowledge, ability and successful work has gained a high place in a profession where advancement depends almost entirely upon individual merit. He is a native son of Upper Sandusky, born May 29, 1857, his parents being George J. and Christina (Nollenberger) Stecher. The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1807, and came to Upper Sandusky in 1854. He was a skilful gardener and very successful in this occupation, which he followed until his death in 1887. His wife, who was a native of Wilsbach, Germany, where her birth occurred in 1822, has also passed away. In their family were eight children. The eldest, Hannah, married Michael Burkhardt, an engineer, and they have four sons, Jacob J., George J., Charles F. and Frederick. Charles F. is a railroad engineer, with headquarters at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He married Louisa Bucher, and they have five children, Frederick, George G., Mary, Albert and Edith. The next in the order of birth in the family is Christian. Frederick C. is a minister in Camp Point, Illinois. He married Miranda G. Bauer, and has two children, William and Mary. Gottlieb C. is engaged in contracting at Upper Sandusky. He married Mary K. Eisermann and has seven children, Minnie, Nettie, Dora, Karl, Oscar, Helen and Florence. George J. is the subject of this review. Caroline F. became the wife of J. H. Kinley, a merchant in Upper Sandusky. They have five children, Harry E., George F., Avery J., Villa C. and



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Everet R. The youngest in the family, Mary C., married E. E. Class and lives at Bucyrus, Ohio.

George J. Stecher attended public school until he was fourteen years of age and was graduated, in 1894, from the Cincinnati Law School at Cincinnati. He was admitted to the bar of Ohio in 1895 and opened an office in Upper Sandusky, forming a partnership with Judge D. D. Clayton, now deceased. After the latter's death Mr. Stecher associated himself with A. E. Walter, with whom he remained until 1909, since which time he has been in practice alone. His ability is recognized in a large and still increasing patronage, for his cases are always carefully conducted and his clients' interests guarded at every point. He is a thorough and exhaustive student of his profession, in which he has made continual advancement since his admission to the bar, standing today in the front ranks of the legal fraternity in this part of Wyandot county. He is a member of the Wyandot County Bar Association and in this way keeps in touch with the advanced thought of his profession.

Mr. Stecher married, in Upper Sandusky, May 7, 1902, Miss Hattie E. Day, a daughter of Joseph and Mattie (Stewart) Day, of Wyandot county. Mr. and Mrs. Stecher have two children, Joseph Day and Ruth Loretta. The family are members of the Evangelical church. Mr. Stecher gives his allegiance to the republican party, but never seeks office. All measures and movements for the public welfare receive his active support and cooperation and he is well known and highly esteemed as one of Upper Sandusky's most deservedly successful native sons.

WILLIAM H. SNYDER.

William H. Snyder, who has been a resident of Carey for more than a third of a century, is one of the town's leading citizens and a prominent factor in industrial circles, conducting here a planing mill, a gristmill, a concrete block manufacturing plant and an ice house and also owning considerable residence and other property. His prosperity is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it is attributable entirely to his own efforts, and he is a self-made man whose record

may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others. His birth occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 19th of June, 1856, his parents being William and Sarah (Hilsker) Snyder, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state, the former born in 1817 and the latter in Lancaster county in the same year. William Snyder followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active career and passed away on the 3d of April, 1899. His wife was called to her final rest on the 17th of March, 1889. Their children were six in number, as follows: Christian H.; Susan, who passed away at the age of fifty-two years; Aaron; Amos; William H., of this review; and Amanda.

William H. Snyder attended the district schools of his native county until seventeen years of age and after putting aside his text-books learned the carpenter's trade. In 1878, when a young man of twenty-two years, he came to Carey, Ohio, and this town has since remained his place of residence. The enviable success which has attended his efforts in a business way is indicated in the fact that he is at the present time the owner of a planing mill and gristmill at Carey and also conducts a concrete block manufacturing plant and an ice house with a capacity of one thousand tons of ice. His realty interests include seven pieces of residence property and twenty-five building lots in Carey, while he likewise owns a planing mill and grain elevator at Vanlue. Possessed of splendid executive ability and sound judgment, he has worked his way steadily upward and has gradually extended his interests and activities until he is now numbered among the most prosperous business men and substantial citizens of Wyandot county.

On the 12th of October, 1881, at Carey, Ohio, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Annie Musselman, a daughter of Levi Musselman, whose demise occurred on the 22d of February, 1907. Unto our subject and his wife have been born the following children: Clarence; Cora, the wife of Harry M. Keller, a monument manufacturer of Carey, by whom she has a son, William H.; Maud; Grover; Howard; and George.

Mr. Snyder gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and is an active worker in its local ranks as a member of the democratic state central committee at Carey. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, in which order he has

attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the English Lutheran church. His life record commands the respect and confidence of all who know him, and indicates clearly his force of character and his ability along business lines.

HOWARD H. NEWELL.

For twenty-one years Howard H. Newell has been a representative of the Ohio bar, practicing in Upper Sandusky, where he is accorded a liberal clientage connecting him with much important litigation tried in the courts of the district. Wyandot county claims him as a native son, his birth having occurred in Mifflin township in 1867. His father, Charles W. Newell, who was born in Carroll county, this state, in 1842, was also an attorney, practicing throughout his entire life. He married Millie Van Horn, who was born in Carroll county in 1845, and is now living with her son. The father, however, passed away in 1872. He was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting as a member of Company D, Eightieth Regiment of Ohio Infantry, and when he was discharged on the expiration of his three years' term he re-enlisted for another three years, or until the close of the war. Four months passed and hostilities ceased, after which he was again honorably discharged. He participated in a number of hotly contested battles and was a brave and loyal soldier, never hesitating at the call of duty. Unto him and his wife were born three children: Howard H., Robert M., a carpenter of Liverpool, Ohio, who wedded Mary Ball and has six children; and one, who died in infancy.

At the usual age Howard H. Newell became a pupil in the district schools and afterward spent two years as a student in the Northern Ohio University. When twenty-two years of age he took up the profession of teaching which he followed in the rural schools. It was subsequent to this time that he pursued his university course and later he entered upon the study of law in the office and under the direction of D. D. Clayton, an able attorney. He carefully and thoroughly mastered the principles of jurisprudence until his knowledge of

the law was sufficient to enable him to pass the required examination for admission to the bar in 1891. He located for practice in Upper Sandusky and has been very successful. His qualities have enabled him to greatly advance in his chosen profession and he now has a large and well merited clientage. He has twice filled the office of prosecuting attorney of his county.

On the 26th of April, 1891, in Upper Sandusky, Mr. Newell was married to Miss Eva C. Forney, a daughter of John W. and Mary (Kohr) Forney, of Wyandot county, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Mr. and Mrs. Newell became the parents of three children, but Ruth died when a young lady and the second died in infancy. The living daughter, Louise, is now a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Newell has an interesting military chapter in his life record, having for three years been a member of Company B, of the Second Ohio Regiment of the National Guard. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Not only in political connections, but in other ways has he attempted to promote the welfare of his city and county. His name is on the membership roll of various fraternal organizations including the Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Newell's family are associated with the Methodist church and at all times cooperate in the movements which promote material, intellectual and moral progress. He and his family are well known here and the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city is freely accorded them.

SARAH DAUGHMER.

Sarah Daughmer owns and operates two hundred acres of land on section 37, Antrim township, and in her farming operations has attained a degree of success which places her upon a par with the most able agriculturists in this section of the county. She was born in Antrim township, April 29, 1839, and is a daughter of James and Sarah (Bargahoof) Daughmer,

natives of Virginia, the former born in 1807 and the latter in 1804. The father came to Ohio with his family in 1831 and from that time until his death, in 1894, engaged in farming. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1872. In their family were six children, Lydia, Nicholas G., Elizabeth A., Joel, Sarah and Thomas C., all of whom are living, except Joel, who died in infancy.

Sarah Daughmer acquired her education in the district schools of her native township and has always lived upon the homestead. She now owns and operates this property of two hundred acres and has shown unusual executive ability and business sense in carrying forward the work of development. She has a valuable farm, well equipped and improved, and every year harvests fine crops of hay and grain as a reward for the care and labor she bestows upon the fields. In addition she is extensively interested in sheep raising, keeping four hundred high-grade animals. There is a fine residence upon the property, in which Miss Daughmer lives with her brother; Thomas C., and both are well known and highly esteemed as people of genuine personal worth and upright, honorable lives.

JOHN R. MOORE.

John R. Moore is proprietor of a cafe in Upper Sandusky. He started out in the business world in the employ of others but gradually earned the capital that enabled him to engage in business on his own account. He is yet a young man and there are perhaps many years before him in which to add to the success that he has already achieved. He was born in New Lexington, Ohio, May 20, 1884, a son of Jacob R. and Elizabeth (Flower) Moore. The father was born in Ohio and for many years was proprietor of a grocery store, conducting a good business. His wife was born in this state and both are still living, making their home with their son John. They have three children: Edna, George W., and John R. The daughter is the wife of Joseph Kimmich, a shoe merchant of Toledo, Ohio, and they have two children, Donald and Pauline. George W. Moore, proprietor of a saloon in Marion, Ohio, wedded Helen Duggan, and they have two children, Paul and Frank.

During the youthful days of John R. Moore the family lived in Lima, Ohio, where he attended the public schools to the age of eighteen years. He then began earning his own living and for five years worked as a cigar maker. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to engage in business for himself as proprietor of a grocery store in Port Clinton, Ohio, where he remained for four years. He then sold out and returned to Lima, where he became connected with the wholesale liquor trade as a clerk. He then went to Upper Sandusky as manager of the business there conducted by the Lima firm and in 1911 he bought out the branch of the business in this city and has since been its proprietor. He has become well known here and has a liberal patronage which is making his enterprise a profitable one.

On the 10th of July, 1905, in Lima, Ohio, Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Miss Anna Shocky, a daughter of John W. and Ella (Church) Shocky, the former for many years proprietor of a grocery store in Lima. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have become the parents of three children, two sons and a daughter; Harold, Beatrice and Louis. The family attend and liberally support the Catholic church. Mr. Moore was for five years a member of the Ohio National Guard, belonging to Company K of the Second Regiment. His fraternal relations are with the Eagles and Elks, and his political support is given the democracy, with which political organization he has been identified since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

DELEVAN MILLER.

Delevan Miller may well be proud of the work he has accomplished and is still accomplishing as mayor of Nevada, for it is constructive and progressive in character and always directed with a view to the best interests of the community. His life record should serve as an encouragement and inspiration to others for he started out in life as a day laborer and by courage, steadfast purpose and indefatigable activity worked his way upward to success. He was born in Lancaster, Keokuk county, Iowa, November 11, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Eliza J. (McGarry) Miller, the former a native of Beaver

county, Pennsylvania, born February 25, 1832, and the latter of Wayne county, Ohio, born in 1834. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, having served for four years as a member of the Third Ohio Cavalry, and after the close of hostilities returned to Wyandot county, where he followed his trade of harness-making for five years. He subsequently was engaged in the grocery business in Nevada until 1894, when he retired. He died in 1898 and was survived by his wife until 1906. In this family were seven children, Chester M., Delevan, Laura A., Lovie M., Charles P., James E., and a child, who died in infancy.

Delevan Miller acquired his education in the public schools of Wyandot county and laid aside his books at the age of eighteen. He began his independent career as a day laborer and in this capacity worked until 1879. He was from 1882 to 1885 a clerk in a grocery store in Nevada and he afterward formed a partnership with Mr. Keltner and purchased the business, which they continued to conduct together until 1888, when Mr. Miller purchased his partner's interests. He managed the enterprise alone until 1891, when his father joined him in its conduct, the firm being known as T. P. Miller & Son. They built up a profitable business, their association continuing until Mr. Miller's brother, Charles P., purchased the father's share and the enterprise was continued under the name of Miller Brothers. They controlled one of the most important retail grocery concerns in the city and were accorded a liberal patronage because their business standards were always progressive, their methods upright and straightforward and their prices reasonable. Mr. Miller, of this review, continued his connection with the business until 1902, when, having acquired a comfortable fortune, he retired from active business life. He owns an attractive home in Nevada, a half interest in a four and one-half acre tract of city property and has valuable outside real-estate holdings, owning fifty-five acres on section 15, Antrim township.

For a number of years past Mr. Miller has taken a deep interest in public affairs and, always representing the democratic party, has held various important public offices, the duties of which he has discharged in a competent and able manner. He was for two terms a member of the Nevada council, for one term clerk of the village and in 1911 was elected mayor. He has given to the people of the community

a progressive, efficient and straightforward administration which has been honorable in its standards, modern in its policies and businesslike in all its details. Mr. Miller has proved an able executive, as the excellent results which have attended his political activities so plainly testify.

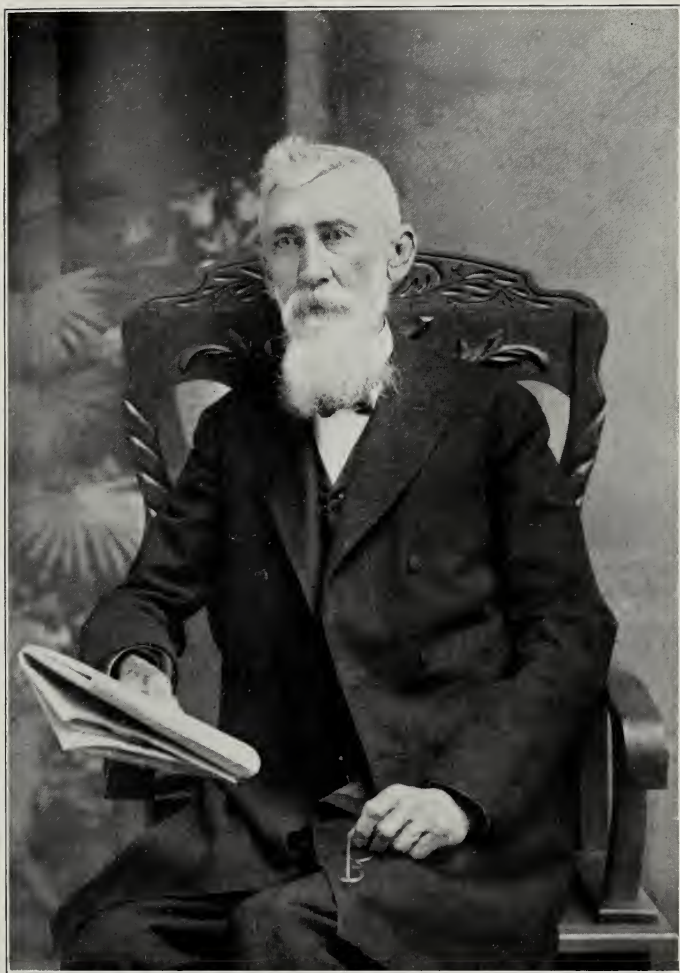
On the 17th of September, 1890, in Nevada, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Klingler, a daughter of J. M. and Elizabeth (Dinkle) Klingler, the former a well known shoemaker in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Miller reared a boy, J. D. Lee, who is at present a traveling salesman. He married Miss May E. White, of Nevada.

Fraternally Mr. Miller is identified with the Masonic order and the Order of the Eastern Star. His wife is very prominent in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. They are members of the Methodist church and Mr. Miller serves as trustee and as assistant teacher of a Sunday school class, which meets once a month. He is a man of exemplary character and in all lines of activity in the city, whether social, business, religious or political, his influence has been a powerful factor for good.

GENERAL ISAAC MINER KIRBY.

It has often been said, and truthfully so, that the old soldier makes the best citizen. The long period of strife taught him to love his country as nothing else could do and the spirit of loyalty which prompted his enlistment and his sturdy defense of the flag has remained one of the salient features of his life. Honored and respected by all, there is no one who more justly merits the confidence and good-will of his fellow townsmen than does General Isaac M. Kirby, who wore the nation's blue uniform from 1861 until 1865, and who through days of peace has ranked with the valued and enterprising citizens of Upper Sandusky.

He is a representative of an old and prominent family. His paternal grandparents were Obadiah and Ruth (Hendrick) Kirby, who were of English and Holland descent, and natives of Virginia, in which state the former had a large plantation and owned many slaves. At his death, which occurred when he was about fifty years of age, his widow, who was a



GENERAL ISAAC M. KIRBY

Quakeress, emancipated her slaves and removed to Ohio with her sons. Her eldest son, Samuel Kirby, was captain of a Virginia company in the War of 1812, and was killed during the service. John Kirby, became a farmer and died in middle age in Wyandot county, and Pleasant Kirby died in Kansas. Moses Kirby, father of General Kirby, and twin brother of Dr. Jacob Kirby, was born in Halifax county, Virginia, in 1798, and was reared on the old homestead there but pursued his education at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where he was a schoolmate of James K. Polk, who in 1845 became president of the United States. Before her son Moses Kirby has completed his education, his mother had removed from Virginia to Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, where he later joined her and took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of Richard Collins. His thorough preliminary reading secured him admission to the bar when he was about twenty-two years of age, after which he entered upon active professional duties in Hillsboro. He was not long in winning a good clientage and at the same time rose to prominence along political lines. He was chosen to represent Highland county in the state legislature and was appointed to the office of secretary of state in 1832. He then went to Columbus, Ohio, and in addition to his official duties engaged in the active practice of law until 1841. In that year he took up his abode in the village of Wyandot, Ohio, but in 1843 removed to Upper Sandusky, where again, as in his former places of residence, he soon won an enviable reputation as a distinguished practitioner before the courts. He came to Upper Sandusky, however, in the capacity of Indian agent and receiver for the land office, in which he remained until 1845. Being a whig in politics and the democratic party then coming into power, he retired. He thereupon resumed the practice of law and held official position in that connection, serving as prosecuting attorney for several years and later as judge of the probate court for several terms. He was one who maintained the prize of keen mentality to the last and when eighty-two years of age was sent to the state senate—just sixty years after he had been a member of the legislature. He served in the upper house for two terms and his splendid record was a fit crown to a life of unusual activity, usefulness and honor. His early political allegiance was given to the whig party and on its dissolution he became a republican but during the presidency

of Andrew Johnson, allied himself with democratic ranks. He served as a delegate to the first presidential convention of the republican party and throughout his life he never hesitated in his support of a principle in which he believed. He was an eloquent speaker, endowed by nature with splendid oratorical gifts and was ever keen and ready in debate. In 1840 he entered actively in the campaign in support of W. H. Harrison for the presidency.

In the year in which he attained his majority, Moses Kirby was made a Mason in North Carolina and was probably the oldest representative of the craft in Ohio at the time of his death, which occurred in 1897. Nature had endowed him with brilliant powers and he retained possession of all his mental faculties until after he had become a nonagenarian. He was always loyal to the teachings of the Masonic fraternity and while he never united with the church, was a true Christian at heart, his life being without a stain. His generosity amounted almost to a fault, for he would give his last dollar to any one who might ask for it.

Moses Kirby was a twin brother of Dr. Jacob Kirby. Both sons came to Ohio with their widowed mother and the Doctor gained an extensive practice in Hillsboro, where he followed his profession for about sixty years. He was characterized by the same spirit of generosity noted in his brother and was never known to make a charge on his books nor ask for the payment of even a dollar from a patient. When it was known that no pecuniary reward might be expected he gave his services as cheerfully as when he would be well requited financially. When he passed away at the age of eighty years the ladies of the town erected a monument to his memory.

Moses H. Kirby was united in marriage to Emma Miner, who was a native of Ohio, probably born in Franklin county, and a daughter of Judge Isaac Miner, who was born in the state of New York. He was of English descent and traced his ancestry in America back to Thomas Miner, who was one of the Pilgrim fathers. Judge Miner came to Ohio in pioneer times, purchased a large tract of land near the site of the future city of Columbus and became a prominent and influential resident of the state, serving at one time as one of the canal commissioners. He died when about fifty years of age. His daughter Emma, who became Mrs. Moses Kirby, was reared near the site of Columbus and died in 1850, when forty-

two years of age, leaving five children: Isaac M., of this review; Emma, the deceased wife of Curtis Berry, of Upper Sandusky; Thomas and George, twins, the former serving as a private in a Kansas regiment during the rebellion, and dying in 1899 when fifty-nine years of age, while the latter served in the Civil war as a member of the Fifteenth Regiment, Ohio Infantry, and died in a military hospital at Louisville, Kentucky, in December, 1861; and Anna, who died in 1870, near Vicksburg, while making a trip on the Mississippi river.

General Kirby, whose name introduces this review, was born in Columbus, February 10, 1835, and when eight years of age was taken to Upper Sandusky, where he attended the public schools until the year 1845. He was afterward a student in the old Hillsboro Academy until the fall of 1850, when, following the death of his mother, to whom he was most devoted, he returned to Upper Sandusky. He was himself in ill health until the spring of 1852, at which time he became a member of a civil engineering corps employed in the survey on the Pittsburg railway. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he had charge of the construction of the railway west of Havana to Pino del Rio, Cuba, but relinquished this contract and hastened home to join the Union army. He arrived in Ohio on a Monday of April, 1861, and on the following Saturday was enrolled among the boys in blue of Company I, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Before the company had left the state he was promoted to the rank of captain and with his regiment was sent to West Virginia. The enlistment had been for the first three months' term and on its expiration the regiment was reorganized for three years, Captain Kirby's company becoming then known as Company D. While he was in command thereof his brother George was with him. The Fifteenth Regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and after the battle of Shiloh under General Buell, Captain Kirby returned home and assisted in organizing the One Hundred and First Ohio Regiment, in which he was appointed to the command of Company F, in July, 1862. He was promoted to the rank of major just before the engagement at Stone River in December of that year and on the first day of that hotly contested battle, the colonel and the lieutenant colonel of the regiment were killed and Major Kirby was placed in command. Soon after the engagement he was promoted to the rank of colonel and was in com-

mand of the brigade at the opening of the campaign in 1864, when, in December of that year, he was made a brigadier general at Nashville, which rank he held until the close of the war. He fought in all the battles in which his regiment had a part and was several times wounded, sustaining five wounds in one day at Kenesaw Mountain, but he never missed a day from duty because of wounds or because of illness, and with a most creditable military record returned home after receiving his honorable discharge on the 15th of June, 1865. His bravery was unquestioned and his loyalty, courage and merit won him his promotions.

When the war was over General Kirby returned to civil life at Upper Sandusky and for twenty years thereafter was a prominent figure in commercial circles as proprietor of a hardware store. In the conduct of the business he held to the highest standards of commercial ethics and his integrity was never called into question, while his enterprise, careful management and determination brought him well merited and well earned success.

At Newark, Ohio, on the 6th of June, 1867, General Kirby was united in marriage to Miss Anna White, a native of Ohio, and the highly accomplished daughter of Rev. John W. White, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church. The marriage of General and Mrs. Kirby has been blessed with four children, but the eldest, John W., died at the age of nineteen years. Mary E. and Anna C. are at home, while Thomas M., the youngest of the family, is practicing law at Cleveland, Ohio.

When age conferred upon General Kirby the right of franchise he joined the newly organized republican party and has never wavered in his allegiance thereto, yet has been entirely without ambition for public office, supporting his party as a matter of principle rather than with desire for the rewards it might bestow. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Upper Sandusky and Robbins Post, No. 90, G. A. R., which he joined on its organization. He has served as commander of the post and he is justly proud of the little bronze button which he wears, indicating his connection with the organization which preserved the Union in the darkest hours of the country's history. For a number of years he has lived retired, yet his interest in his country and her welfare never ceases and in spirit he seems a much younger man. He has, however,

passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey to an old age that gives out of its rich stores of wisdom and experience for the benefit of others—such is the achievement of General Kirby, one of Upper Sandusky's most highly honored and esteemed citizens.

EDWARD E. McLAUGHLIN

Edward E. McLaughlin, well known in business circles of Nevada as a successful dealer in grain, was born in this city, October 18, 1870. He is a son of Cornelius and Lucinda (Young) McLaughlin, the former of whom was born in Ohio in 1834 and the latter in 1845. The father, who is a carpenter by trade, makes his home in Nevada, having survived his wife since 1912. In their family were eight children. Hallie O., a brick mason in Nevada, married Miss Alice Disetor and they have two children, Louis and Lester. Charles L., who is engaged in farming in Eden township, married Miss Bertha Poole and they have two children, Francis and Ruth. Orrie L. died in 1906. Edward E. is the subject of this review. Mattie is the wife of Fred Shealy, a pattern maker in Lima, and they have two children, Donna and Carleton. Vergil C., a cabinet-maker, married Miss Marion Welty. Jesse is a carpenter by trade. Irma, who completes the family, is the wife of Edward D. White, a farmer of Valpariso, Indiana, and they have a son, William C.

Edward E. McLaughlin acquired his education in the public schools of Nevada, attending until he was sixteen years of age, after which he worked upon a farm for four years. At the end of that time he turned his attention to business pursuits, becoming connected with the line of work, which now engages his attention, as assistant to Mr. Balliet. He worked in this capacity for nine years and then in 1902 purchased the elevator, which he has since successfully conducted. It has a capacity of fifteen thousand bushels of grain and Mr. McLaughlin handles an average of one hundred cars per year. His trade has steadily increased until it has now reached extensive proportions, this being largely due to his progressive and reliable business methods. In addition to his ele-

vator he is the proprietor of the only moving picture theater in Nevada and has found this a very profitable investment.

On the 17th of October, 1906, Mr. McLaughlin married Miss Luella K. Gordon, a daughter of John and Caroline (Fleck) Gordon, the former of whom is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin have two children, Velma K. and Gordon G. Mr. McLaughlin gives his allegiance to the republican party and for two years did able and effective work on the city council. He is prominent and well known in business, political and social circles, and is regarded as one of the leading citizens of his native community.

FINFUN A. FOWLER.

Finfun A. Fowler, a successful farmer and stock-raiser, was born on a portion of the farm he now operates in Pitt township, August 25, 1877, a son of Hiram R. and Alice E. (Hornby) Fowler. The father was born in Little Sandusky in 1852 and spent all of his active life engaged in farming. He owned five hundred and eighty acres of land in Pitt township, which he operated successfully until his death in 1905. The mother was born in Marion county, Ohio, in 1857, and survives her husband, making her home in Little Sandusky with her son, Ralph. In this family were two children: Finfun A., and Ralph N., a farmer in Little Sandusky. He married Miss Frances Monte and they have three children, Nova, Hiram and Max.

Mr. Fowler of this review was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the district schools. He was trained to the various duties of the agriculturist and has been identified with farming throughout his active business career. Upon the death of the father the homestead was divided between Mr. Fowler and his brother Ralph, our subject receiving as his share three hundred and forty-eight acres, of which he is still the owner. In addition to raising grain Mr. Fowler also breeds high-grade stock and has at present seventy-five head of cattle, eight hundred sheep and two hundred Chester White hogs, of which he makes a specialty. This branch of his business is proving very profitable to him and his work along this line is ably supplemented by that of his wife, who is

interested in raising full-breed Rhode Island Red chickens, of which she has about three hundred at the present time.

On October 22, 1902, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Miss Grace A. Wood, a daughter of Reuben and Leafy (McLain) Wood, the former a prominent farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have two children, Charles Rush and Leafy Alice. Mr. Fowler attends the Methodist church, in which his wife holds membership, and politically is identified with the republican party. He is interested in community affairs and particularly in the cause of education, which he has served ably for five years as president of the school board. He has many friends in Wyandot county, among whom he is highly esteemed and respected.

EMERY X. GLOSSER.

Emery X. Glosser, well and favorably known in business circles of Upper Sandusky as a partner in the firm of Glosser & Brown, dealers in groceries, was born in Eden township, Wyandot county, September 16, 1876. He is a son of Henry and Jennie (Link) Glosser, natives of Ohio, the father born in 1842 and the mother in 1844. For many years Henry Glosser engaged in general agricultural pursuits but at the present time is living retired in Upper Sandusky. He and his wife became the parents of three children: Albert, a farmer in Eden township, who married Miss Minnie Bell, by whom he has two children, Mona and Leta; Luella, who married James Caldwell, a railroad mail clerk in Eden township, by whom she has five children, Roland, Marian, Jeanette, Gale and Henry; and Emery X., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the district schools of Eden township, attending until he was twenty-one years of age. During his youth he helped his father with the work of the farm and remained at home until two years after attaining his majority. At the end of that time he engaged as a farm laborer, working by the month, and when he abandoned this occupation came to Upper Sandusky, where for ten years he worked in a tile manufacturing plant. In August, 1912, however, he determined to engage in business for himself and accordingly formed a partnership with Miner Brown in

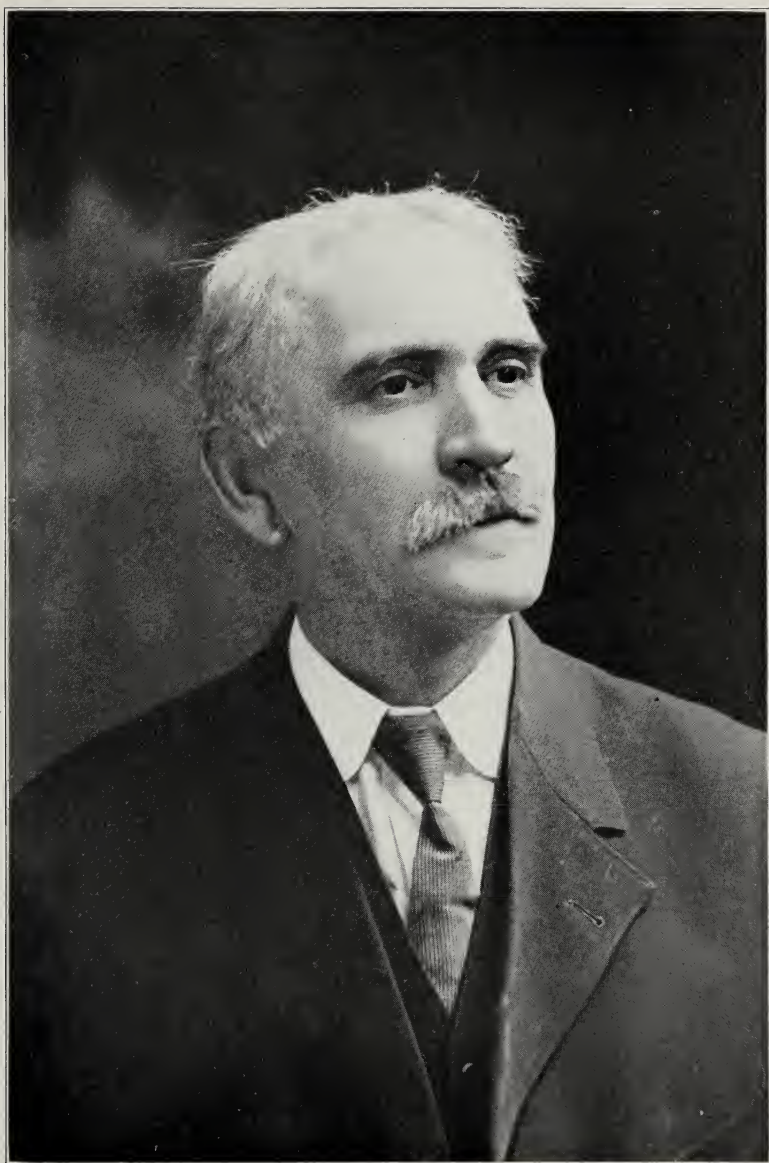
the conduct of a retail grocery enterprise. They carry a well selected stock of staple and fancy groceries, valued at two thousand dollars, and receive a liberal patronage, which is indicative of the honorable and straightforward policy of the firm.

On the 26th of October, 1899, Mr. Glosser married, in Upper Sandusky, Miss Lelah Evans, a daughter of Jacob and Anna Evans, the former a laborer in Eden township. Mr. and Mrs. Glosser have two children, James V. and Laura A. Mr. Glosser gives his allegiance to the democratic party but has never sought public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, which are capably conducted, making him one of the leading and successful merchants of the town.

DAVID C. PARKER.

The life record of David C. Parker has direct connection with a profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of the community by safeguarding the ends of justice and maintaining individual rights. It is a well recognized fact that in his chosen profession of the law Mr. Parker is well trained, that his preparation of cases is careful and exhaustive and that his presentation of his cause is clear, logical and convincing. He therefore ranks with the leading members of the Wyandot county bar, nor is his reputation confined within the borders of the county. He was born in this county, August 22, 1858, in Ridge township, a son of David and Hannah E. Parker. The former was born in Otsego county, New York, in 1814, and the mother's birth occurred in Albany county, that state, in 1812. Mr. Parker was a farmer by occupation and followed that pursuit in New York until about 1850, when he came to Ohio, settling on a farm in Wyandot county. In the family were twelve children, of whom David C. Parker is the youngest. There are three other surviving members of the family—a brother, Sherman Parker, and two sisters, Mrs. Hulda E. Weaver and Mrs. Mary A. Van Horn.

It was upon the old homestead that David C. Parker spent the days of his boyhood and youth, dividing his time between



DAVID C. PARKER

the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the fields. His early education was acquired in the public schools and then, not wishing to follow the occupation to which he had been reared, as a life work, he turned to the professions and made preparation for the practice of law as a student in the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1885. The following year he was admitted to the bar of Ohio and has since been practicing in Upper Sandusky. As the years have gone by he has won a large clientele and has been connected with much of the most important litigation tried in the courts of this district. His success was assured because of his laudable ambition, his firm purpose and his willingness to work. Industry is just as essential in any of the so-called learned professions as it is in mechanical and commercial lines and it is well known that Mr. Parker has never failed to give a thorough preparation, thus qualifying for any emergency expected or unexpected that might occur in the trial of his cause. He is today justly accounted one of the leading members of the bar of Upper Sandusky.

Aside from his professional duties, which have been important and extensive, Mr. Parker assisted in organizing the Commercial National Bank of Upper Sandusky, and was elected one of its first directors. He is now one of the stockholders and directors of the First National Bank, resigning as a director of the Commercial National in order to be elected director of the former.

In November, 1886, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Parker and Miss Allie Smith, the wedding ceremony being performed at the home of her parents in Ridge township. She was an only daughter of Samuel and Margaret Smith. Her father was a pioneer settler of this state and a Virginian by birth. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, October 1, 1816, and in early life removed thence to Wyandot county, becoming one of the pioneer settlers here. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Smith, was born in Wayne county, Ohio, December 14, 1826, and passed away on the 9th of September, 1887. In their family were three sons: Milton B., who is now engaged in the practice of law in Carey, Ohio; Jacob A., a real-estate dealer of the city; and Samuel O., a farmer. The only daughter, Allie, was born in Ridge township, Wyandot county, in 1858, and after mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools of the county, continued her education

in Findlay, Ohio. She remained at home to the time of her marriage and on the 9th of November, 1886, she became the wife of David C. Parker. Their union has been blessed with two children: Mary B., who is a graduate of the public schools of Upper Sandusky, and three years ago entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio; and Dorothy M., who is a public-school student. The parents are faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Upper Sandusky, and Mr. Parker holds membership with the Masons and the Red Men. He is identified with the Chamber of Commerce and is in hearty sympathy with its plans and purposes to promote the welfare and upbuilding of the city along many lines. In politics he is independent and never seeks office, preferring to concentrate his energies and his attention upon his professional and financial interests. Both he and his wife are widely known in Wyandot county and the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances, for their attractive qualities have gained for them the warm regard and good-will of those with whom they have come in contact.

JOSEPH ALBERT WILLIAMS.

Through successive stages of progress and advancement Joseph Albert Williams has worked his way upward in the banking world until he is today cashier of the Nevada Deposit Bank, an important position which has come to him in recognition of merit and of unusual ability as a financier. He was born in Blooming Grove, Morrow county, Ohio, November 6, 1863, and is a son of Christie and Amy Ann (Bachman) Williams, the former born in Millsborough, Richland county, March 24, 1831, and the latter in Pennsylvania, August 20, 1838. The father, who was a merchant by occupation, died in Blooming Grove, December 6, 1898, and is survived by his wife and a daughter, Seppie S., who make their home in that city.

Joseph A. Williams attended district school until he was eighteen years of age and then went for one year to the Nevada high school. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to teaching and followed this occupation in the district

schools for one year. The banking business had, however, always attracted him and he was very desirous of making it his life work. In order to accomplish his end he agreed to work as a clerk in the Nevada Deposit Bank for one year without pay. His services, however, proved so valuable that within a few months the contract was set aside and a lucrative position given to him. He has since advanced step by step, assuming new responsibilities every year and proving himself eminently well qualified to discharge his duties. He once had entire charge of the institution for two years and he is now cashier. He is regarded as an able, discriminating and far-sighted financier and a great deal of the success of the institution with which he is connected is due to his well directed labors. He is a stockholder in the bank and also in the First National Bank at Upper Sandusky. He is a member of the American and State Bankers' Association, the Private Bankers' Association, and stands as a central figure in banking circles of this part of Ohio having filled responsible positions in the work of state associations.

On the 1st of January, 1885, Mr. Williams married Miss Nina Lee Agnew, a daughter of James K. and Jennie (Bibler) Agnew, of Nevada. The father is a well known banker and served through two enlistments in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Williams became the parents of four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Grace Louise, Jeanette Agnew and Miles Stanley.

Mr. Williams and family are members of the Methodist church, and fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has always been prominent in public affairs, serving two years as president of the school board and four as a member of that organization. He has been treasurer of Antrim township and treasurer of the village of Nevada, holding the latter office for twelve years, and he was for three terms a member of the town council, two years of which time he served as president. Mr. Williams is also a notary public, and as such is widely known, having very recently served in this capacity under commissions from the states of Colorado, Kansas and Pennsylvania. His interest in public affairs is of a most practical character, manifest by active cooperation in measures calculated to promote the public good. He is not only one of the distinctly successful

men of the community but is also the possessor of a forceful character which makes him a leading figure in community affairs as well as in business circles.

EDWARD C. RICHMOND.

Edward C. Richmond is one of the progressive business men of Harpster, where he is conducting one of the largest general merchandise stores, which he recently purchased from Wood & Company. He is a native of Little Sandusky, born July 6, 1872. His parents are Joseph and Hannah (Sill) Richmond, the former born in Marion, July 15, 1842, and the latter in Pennsylvania, in 1836. For many years the father followed farming but retired from active life in 1907 and now makes his home in Little Sandusky. In this family were two children: Edward C., of this review; and Grace V., who married Daniel Reynolds, clerk of the courts of Wyandot county. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have one daughter, Helen.

Edward C. Richmond attended the public schools of Little Sandusky until he was twenty-two years of age and then worked upon a farm until 1900, when he went to Toledo as clerk in a grocery store. He held that position for three years, returning at the end of that time to Little Sandusky, where he opened a grocery store, putting in one year later a stock of general merchandise valued at two thousand dollars. He developed a large and rapidly increasing business, receiving a good patronage from the best people of the city. Recently he sold out in Little Sandusky and acquired the Wood & Company's interests in Harpster. He is careful in the selection of his stock, for he has studied the desires of the public in this direction, and in his sales he seeks only to make a fair and legitimate profit. His commercial integrity is unassailable and public opinion is altogether favorable regarding his attributes and actions as a business man.

On the 1st of September, 1904, Mr. Richmond married, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Ida Shorb, a daughter of John and Hattie Shorb, the former a well known farmer of Pitt township. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond have one daughter, Florence Maxine. Mr. Richmond is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is connected with the

Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has served his fellow citizens as a member and treasurer of the school board and has also held the important position of a member of the executive committee of Wyandot county for many years. He occupies a prominent position in business circles of Harpster, standing among the progressive and successful men of the city. His well developed powers and broad experience, combined with his determination and enterprise, have led him to put forth persistent effort in making his way steadily upward, and in this manner he has gained success.

ELMER DUBBS KUENZLI.

Elmer Dubbs Kuenzli, one of the progressive and enterprising young men of Nevada, is engaged in the hardware business, as head clerk of the concern known as Kuenzli Brothers. He was born in Eden township, March 15, 1880, and is a son of Frederick and Josephine (Hochstetter) Kuenzli, natives of Holmes county, the father born in 1845. He engaged in farming during his active life, passing away in 1898. He was survived by his wife, who died in 1906. In their family were ten children. The two eldest, Clara and Fred, died in infancy. Sophia married E. G. Blaser, a tile manufacturer of Upper Sandusky, and they became the parents of two children, Esther and Fred. Edward S. is engaged in the hardware business and is also active as a tile manufacturer in Nevada. He married Victoria Neat and has four children, Alice, Edith, Lester and Irvin. Henry L. is a tile manufacturer and hardware merchant. His wife was in her maidenhood Viola Sigler, and they have two children, Ruth and Thaddeus. Charles C. has been twice married. He wedded first Miss May Kaufman, who has passed away, leaving two children, Terrence and Robert. After the death of his first wife he married Esther Songer by whom he has two children. He is now connected with the Springfield (Ohio) Theological Institute and engaged in educational work. John W. passed away at the age of forty years. Grace became the wife of W. G. Milligan, a farmer in Eden township, and they have four children. William is engaged in farming. He

married Miss Myrtle Cross and has six children. Elmer D. is the youngest child in the family and the subject of this review.

The last named was reared in Eden township and acquired his education in the district schools, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age. After laying aside his books he worked for two years in a tile factory, but at the end of that time became head clerk of his uncle's hardware business in Nevada, a connection in which he is proving his energy, progressiveness and business acumen. He has secured an extensive and representative patronage, which is accorded in recognition of his honorable and straightforward business methods and his reasonable prices. He owns his own residence and two valuable vacant lots.

In Nevada, on the 6th of March, 1903, Mr. Kuenzli married Miss Grace Boulby, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boulby, the former a farmer in Crane township. Mr. and Mrs. Kuenzli have five children, Homer A., Earl F., Curtis B., Eva L. and Hubert D. Mr. Kuenzli is a member of the English Lutheran church and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, having served as treasurer of Nevada for six years, as treasurer of Antrim township for four years and as a member of the town council, displaying in the discharge of his official duties the same energy, determination and progressive spirit which have marked the activities of his business career.

EDGAR D. HOLL.

Edgar D. Holl, proprietor of a large up-to-date creamery in Upper Sandusky, is one of the most deservedly successful and progressive business men of the city, basing his prosperity upon a thorough knowledge of everything relating to sanitary operation and to modern methods of butter making. He was born in New Berlin, Ohio, March 1, 1879, and is a son of Clayton and Samantha (Hess) Holl, the former a native of New Berlin, born in 1848, and the latter of Greentown, Ohio, born in 1853. The father is today one of the most prominent and representative agriculturists of his native section. He

and his wife became the parents of eight children: Jennie, who married Albert Miller, a laborer in Akron, Ohio; Laura, who became the wife of Joel Shutt, a farmer in Michigan, by whom she has six children; Edgar D., of this review; Minetta, who married Cleon Weaver, a bookkeeper in Canton, Ohio, by whom she has one child; Luella, who died at the age of twenty-five; Homer, who is a farmer in Middlebranch, Ohio, and who married Margaret Lind; and Albert and Zelmar, who live at home.

Edgar D. Holl acquired his early education in the district and high schools of New Berlin, graduating from the latter institution in 1899. Afterward he taught school for two years in Stark county and then entered the Ohio State University at Columbus, graduating from the agricultural department in 1906. He spent nine months thereafter as foreman of the pure-milk department in Bellefontaine, Ohio, and six months in the same position with the Polk Sanitary Milk Company of Indianapolis. With this experience and special training as a foundation for success he came to Upper Sandusky and in 1908 established the creamery which he conducts today. He also deals in eggs and has made both branches of his business extremely lucrative. He owns a large creamery, up-to-date and sanitary in every particular and equipped with the most modern machinery, and he has secured a most liberal and representative patronage, which is accorded him in recognition of the high quality of his goods and his straightforward business methods. In addition he owns some valuable property in Upper Sandusky, including his fine residence and several town lots.

On the 22d of October, 1908, Mr. Holl was united in marriage, at Poplar, Ohio, to Miss Florence McLaughlin, a daughter of Frank and Minnie (Stetzer) McLaughlin, the former for twenty years in the railroad service and later foreman of the Sycamore Milling Company at Sycamore. Mr. and Mrs. Holl became the parents of two children, Gayle M. and Maurice F.

Mr. Holl gives his allegiance to the democratic party and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist church. He is a member of Champion Grange of Wyandot county. He well deserves his present prosperity but gives great credit for what he has achieved to the able and efficient help and the wise counsel of his wife, who is a lady of rare qualities, highly accomplished, yet acute and intui-

tively correct in judging business situations,—who has ever industriously sustained him in all his important transactions and labors. The methods he has employed are such as will bear the closest investigation, and his success has come to him through his energy and well directed labor. He is a man of practical ideas and is not only interested in the welfare of his community but takes an active part in the support of all measures and projects which tend to promote it.

IRA R. PONTIUS.

The lines of activity which constitute the life record of Ira R. Pontius are many and his efforts for progress are far-reaching and resultant. He occupies a leading position in financial circles in Upper Sandusky and is equally well known in political and fraternal connections. In fact he stands for improvement in all those fields which are of vital force in the world's work. He was born July 20, 1874, on a farm five miles southeast of Upper Sandusky, in Pitt township, Wyandot county, Ohio, his parents being Adam and Elizabeth Van Buren (Winstead) Pontius. His great-grandfather in the paternal line was George Pontius, a native of Germany, who after living for a time in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, removed to Ohio. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war as did Griffin Winstead, the great-grandfather in the maternal line. The latter was a native of England, who on coming to the United States settled in Northumberland county, Virginia, and thence removed to Ohio. Samuel Pontius and William Winstead, the grandfathers of Ira R. Pontius, were residents of Pickaway county, Ohio, and both served in the War of 1812 under General William Henry Harrison, being encamped at one time during the struggle on the present site of Upper Sandusky. Samuel Pontius was a fife major. His son, Adam Pontius, spent his youthful days in Pickaway county, and in 1860 removed to Pitt township, Wyandot county, taking up his abode upon a farm, where the birth of his son Ira occurred. He continuously carried on general agricultural pursuits there until 1882, when he removed to Upper Sandusky and established a hardware store, which he conducted in connection with General I. M. Kirby. That partner-



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ship was maintained for six years, at the end of which time General Kirby retired, selling his interest to C. D. Juvenal, who was a partner of Mr. Pontius for four years. The business was thereafter conducted under the name of Adam Pontius & Son until 1907, although in the meantime the father had passed away, his death having occurred on the 4th of January, 1903. He was at one time sheriff of Wyandot county from January 1, 1896, until January 1, 1900, and made a most creditable record by reason of his loyalty, promptness and fidelity. His widow survived him for more than five years, dying on the 21st of October, 1908. Their children were nine in number, the brothers and sisters of Ira R. Pontius being: William H., a distinguished musician of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was educated at Florence, Italy, and other European cities; Samuel F. of Upper Sandusky; Dr. George A. Pontius, who practiced osteopathy at Lockport, New York, but is now deceased; David W., traffic manager of the Pacific Electric Railway, at Los Angeles, California; Mary C., the wife of R. F. Alspach, of Columbus, Ohio; Ella P., the wife of Dr. A. J. Kesler, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Evalyn P., the wife of Edwin Billhardt, of Upper Sandusky; and Ida P., the wife of Henry Katzenmeyer, of Hillsdale, Michigan.

Ira R. Pontius was a lad of seven years when the family left the farm and took up their abode in Upper Sandusky, where he pursued his early education as a public-school student, while later he attended college in Mansfield, Ohio. He was twenty-one years of age, when in 1896, he entered the sheriff's office, serving as a deputy for six years. On the expiration of that period, in 1902, he joined his father in the hardware business, under the firm style of Adam Pontius & Son, and was in active connection with the trade until 1907, when he turned from commercial pursuits to banking, becoming one of the promoters and incorporators of the Citizens Savings Bank of Upper Sandusky, of which he has continuously served as cashier. The bank was capitalized for fifty thousand dollars and now has a surplus of ten thousand with deposits of more than three hundred thousand. The bank has enjoyed a rapid and healthy growth and is doing a fine business. It is one of the strong and substantial financial institutions of the county, having always followed a safe, conservative policy that has, however, never blocked progress nor impeded the continuous expansion of the bank.

Mr. Pontius has been married twice. On the 6th of August, 1902, he wedded Miss Claudia M. Hitchcock, of Troy, Ohio, who passed away March 24, 1905. On the 9th of June, 1908, he married Miss Margaret J. Mundy, a daughter of John E. and Katherine A. Mundy, of New York city. Before her marriage she was connected with the Mileage Bureau of New York city and later with the jewelry house of N. J. Felix, of Maiden Lane, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Pontius have one child, Margaret Elizabeth, born December 20, 1910.

Mr. Pontius holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and with several fraternal organizations. He belongs to the lodge, chapter and council in Masonry, is a member of Elks Lodge, No. 83, at Upper Sandusky, of the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Modern Woodmen camp. In politics he has always been a democrat, active and prominent in the work of the party and has served on the county central and executive committees. He has always labored earnestly for the success of his party and for the betterment of society in general. He represented the thirteenth congressional district of Ohio as a delegate in the democratic national convention at Baltimore, Maryland, in June, 1912, and was an ardent supporter of Governor Judson Harmon for the presidency until, feeling that it was not possible to secure the nomination of his candidate, he voted for Wilson on the last three ballots. He was one of the organizers and promoters of the Chamber of Commerce and is still serving as one of its directors. Public-spirited, he cooperates in all of its movements for the general good and has ever taken a deep and helpful interest in the welfare and growth of the city. His labors, of a public nature, have been of a most beneficial character and his entire life work indicates the fit utilization of the innate powers and talents which are his, combined with the wise use of time and opportunities.

SIDNEY C. DUNLAP.

Sidney C. Dunlap, closely connected with business interests of Carey as the proprietor of a large livery and sales stable, was born in Texas township, Crawford county, April 10, 1863. He is a son of James and Mary (Linensberger)

Dunlap, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1832 and the latter in Richland county, Ohio, in 1833. The father came to this state with his parents when he was six years of age and grew to manhood here, afterward engaging in farming, in which occupation he still continues. He makes his home in Texas township, Crawford county, having survived his wife since 1895. In their family were eight children. Reddy married William Barrack, a farmer of Crawford county. They have three children, Cora, Inez and James. Laura became the wife of Scott Haslett, a farmer of Crawford county, and they have a daughter, Hazel. Jennie married William Tuttle, who also engages in farming. She died in 1881. Elmer is a farmer in Crawford county. He married Jennie Miller and has two sons, Harry and Floyd. Sidney C. is the subject of this review. Minnie has passed away. Elva married Horace Miller, a farmer in Crawford county. They have three children, Earl, Beulah and Gorman. Ralph is engaged in farming in Sycamore township. He married Maude Badger and has two children.

In the district schools of his native county Sidney C. Dunlap acquired his education, laying aside his books at the age of eighteen. He afterward aided his father in the operation of the farm until he was thirty-two years of age and then spent two years working out by the day. At the end of that time he went to Shelby and secured a position in the tube works, where he remained for four years, returning then to the home farm and spending a similar period of time in Crawford county. When he again left home he came to Carey and established himself in the livery business, in which he became immediately successful. He conducts also a sales stable, has an average of nine horses on hand and controls an important and growing patronage.

In Texas township, Crawford county, on the 20th of February, 1898, Mr. Dunlap was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Myers, a daughter of Solomon and Hannah (Schnarrenberger) Myers, the former a well known farmer of Texas township. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have adopted two children, Orville and Maggie. Mr. Dunlap attends the Evangelical church and is connected fraternally with the Knights of Pythias. Always a staunch and loyal democrat, he has taken an active and intelligent interest in public affairs and has himself held important public offices. He served for nine

years as constable of Texas township and was for two years councilman of Carey, displaying great energy, efficiency and public spirit in the discharge of his official duties. His business interests have been carefully conducted, his duties of citizenship capably performed and at all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life, making him one of the valued and respected residents of the community.

EDWARD G. NEUMEISTER.

Business interests of Upper Sandusky are well represented by Edward G. Neumeister, who conducts a large bakery and confectionery store in the city. He is regarded as one of the most progressive merchants here, employing modern methods in the development of his trade and carrying a line of goods that makes his establishment one of the most attractive stores in the community. He was born in Upper Sandusky, February 2, 1878, and is a son of David and Katherine (Myers) Neumeister, natives of Germany, the former born on the 4th of May, 1838, and the latter on February 28, 1845. The father was twenty-seven years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to America, landing in New York, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time he came west to Ohio and spent six years in Bucyrus, at the end of which time he established his home in Upper Sandusky, where he still resides. He became identified with mercantile interests when he founded a bakery and confectionery store which he developed ably and along progressive lines, building up a large and representative patronage. He retired from active life in 1900. He and his wife became the parents of eleven children. John died at the age of two. David, Jr., passed away when he was in his eighteenth year. Adam, a baker at Mount Healthy, Ohio, married Miss Celia Renner, of Findlay, and they have three children. Henry, a merchant, is married and has one child. Carrie married Paul Redlin, a baker and confectioner at Hamilton, Ohio, and they have four children. William, a baker and confectioner at Sandusky, married Miss Elsie Till and they have one child. Edward G., the seventh in order of birth, is the subject of this review. Ernest is still unmarried.

Gustave died at the age of four years. Samuel died at the age of seven. Paul, who completes the family, makes his home in Upper Sandusky.

Edward G. Neumeister attended the public schools of Upper Sandusky until he was sixteen years of age and then laid aside his books to assist his father in the conduct of a bakery and confectionery business. In 1900, when his father retired, Mr. Neumeister of this review assumed full control of the establishment, which he still conducts. He has ably carried forward the work which his father began in 1877, and has developed the store into an extensive enterprise, attractive by reason of its well selected line of goods, its tasteful arrangement and reasonable prices. Mr. Neumeister has neglected no detail of his business and has followed always the most modern methods, installing labor-saving machinery and possessing at the present time stock and equipment valued at about fifteen hundred dollars. He owns in addition a modern residence in the city, a large business building and an interest in a business building in Hamilton.

On December 10, 1905, at Upper Sandusky, Mr. Neumeister was united in marriage to Miss Mary Paessler, a daughter of Robert and Lydia Paessler of that city. The father passed away in 1883, but the mother still makes her home in Upper Sandusky. Mr. and Mrs. Neumeister have five children, Evelyn, Karl, Ruth, Jane and James. Mr. Neumeister is independent of political parties and is not active publicly, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, which are bringing him richly merited success. His worth is widely acknowledged, his business enterprise having gained him distinction in commercial circles and his business probity standing as an unquestioned fact in his career.

WILLIAM J. EHMANN.

William J. Ehmann, who is numbered among the successful and progressive business men of Nevada, is a member of the firm of Walter & Ehmann, plumbers and steam fitters. He was born in Eden township, March 11, 1884, and is a son of William F. and Elizabeth C. (Sigler) Ehmann, the former of whom was born in Germany, January 24, 1849, and the

latter in Pennsylvania, September 20, 1847. The father came to Iowa in 1853 and for many years followed farming in this state, retiring from active life in 1909 and moving to Nevada, where he and his wife now reside. In their family were five children, Mary L., Vernilla, William J., Edna A. and John W.

William J. Ehmann acquired his education in the district schools of his native township and at the age of eighteen laid aside his books. He afterward worked upon his father's farm until 1911, when he came to Nevada and became connected with the plumbing and steam-fitting business as a partner in the firm of Walter & Ehmann. They carry a stock valued at fifteen hundred dollars and have a well arranged and modernly equipped shop and conduct an extensive and growing trade. Mr. Ehmann has proved himself an able, resourceful and far-sighted business man and has already gained an enviable place in business circles.

Mr. Ehmann belongs to the Knights of Pythias and attends the Methodist church. He affiliates with the democratic party but is not active in politics, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, which are ably and progressively conducted, making him one of the most prosperous young men of this community.

CAPTAIN JOHN GREER.

Captain John Greer, one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, whose military service was matched by his loyalty to duty in times of peace, died upon his farm in Crawford township in 1902, his death marking the passing of one of the most honored and highly respected citizens of this community. He was a native son of the state, his birth having occurred in Columbiana county, July 10, 1828. His parents were Thomas and Catherine (Rhodes) Greer, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. The Greer family originally came from Ireland but has been in America for several generations.

John Greer was one of a family of nine children. He spent his childhood upon his father's farm, acquiring his education in the public schools, and he remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, at which time he joined the rush of

California gold seekers and spent three years in the mines of that state. He was fairly successful in his prospecting and returned to Ohio with a considerable competence. He purchased two hundred and forty acres of timber land in Wyandot county but did not develop this property, leaving the trees standing for many years. He purchased in addition a smaller tract in Crawford township, upon which he made his home and carried on general farming and stock-raising. At the outbreak of the Civil war he offered his services to the Federal government, enlisting August 14, 1861, in Company D, Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and serving with loyalty until he received his honorable discharge on the 22d of November, 1864. He took part in all of the important battles of the war and was at the front at Pittsburg Landing, Shiloh, Corinth, Lawrenceburg, Stone River, Liberty Gap and Chickamauga. He also participated in the engagements at Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Resaca, Picketts Mills, Kenesaw Mountain and many others. Upon the organization of Company D, of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Mr. Greer was made second lieutenant and in recognition of his distinguished bravery at Shiloh was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. In January, 1863, he became captain of Company C, Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteers, and served in that capacity until the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, in which engagement he received a severe wound in the left leg, from which he never fully recovered. After spending several months in the hospital at Chattanooga he was discharged for disability and sent home. The younger generation cannot understand what were the hardships experienced by the veterans of the Civil war—such men as Captain Greer, who sacrificed the best strength and energies of their lives for their country's cause. Their sufferings extended not only through the time of their service on the southern battlefields but through the years that have followed, and the country owes to them a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

When Captain Greer had to some extent regained his strength he resumed farming and continued in this line of occupation until his death. He carried on general agricultural pursuits and was likewise extensively interested in stock-raising, his animals commanding a ready sale upon the market. His prosperity steadily increased, for his methods were always upright, honorable and progressive and he soon

attained a high position among the substantial and representative men of his community.

Captain Greer was twice married. In 1857 he wedded Miss Mary Ann Crooks, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Arnold) Crooks. She died in August, 1883, leaving seven children, Thomas W., Kittie, Andrew C., Asa B., Harry A., Guy E. and Rutherford Hayes. On the 5th of February, 1885, Captain Greer married Miss Etta V. Luzader, of Seneca county, a daughter of John and Cynthia (Dibble) Luzader. His widow still survives him and is operating the farm successfully, being a very capable business woman possessed of great executive ability.

Captain Greer was a staunch republican and at all times interested in the welfare and progress of the community, giving his support to many measures for the public good. He served as trustee of Crawford township for twenty years and held other responsible offices, proving himself an able, conscientious and upright public servant. In his business dealings he was ever straightforward and honorable, enjoying the full confidence of those with whom he was associated, and his death, which occurred in 1902, was the occasion of widespread sorrow and regret. It closed the life of a man loyal in citizenship, straightforward in business and faithful to all of the ties and obligations of life and with the added qualification of long and worthy service in his country's defense.

CHARLES FREMONT PLUMB.

The name of Charles Fremont Plumb, known as the dean of banking in Wyandot county, has come to be regarded as synonymous with business development and progress in Upper Sandusky, where he holds a position of distinctive precedence in financial circles as cashier of the First National Bank. He has been connected with this institution for thirty-four years and throughout the time has steadily and conservatively directed its affairs where mature judgment and sound discrimination led the way, and he, therefore, stands today among the men of marked ability and substantial worth in this section of the state. He was born in Upper Sandusky,



CHARLES F. PLUMB

September 17, 1857, and is a son of Thomas and Christina (McCallom) Plumb, natives of England, the former born in 1826 and the latter June 17, 1816. The father was a landscape gardener in his native country but after he came to Upper Sandusky, in 1849, engaged in farming and also in grading and paving work of all kinds. He died in 1900 and was survived by his wife until 1909. She was reared in Glasgow and had a distinguished ancestry, which could be traced back in a direct line to the family of the Duke of Argyle of Scotland. Her father, James McCallom, was a very prominent engineer in England and Scotland and is well known as the constructor of the Lancaster canal. He died in 1864, at the age of seventy-four. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Plumb became the parents of two children: Frank, who died in infancy; and Charles Fremont, of this review.

The last named acquired his early education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky and was graduated from the local high school at the age of seventeen. He afterward entered Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, completing the course in 1879, in which year he returned to Upper Sandusky and worked at various occupations in his father's employ for two months, afterward clerking for a short time in a dry-goods store. His banking career began in the same year, when he was requested by James G. Roberts, then cashier of the First National Bank, to accept the position of collection clerk. He soon proved his possession of the qualities of accuracy, reliability and business capacity necessary to the successful banker and his rise was, therefore, rapid. He was made bookkeeper after six months and in 1889 was advanced to the office of cashier, a position which he still holds. His judgment has come to be regarded as practically infallible on all questions of banking and finance and the position which the First National Bank holds among the strong, reliable and conservative moneyed institutions of the state is largely due to his untiring efforts. Under his able management the bank has passed safely through several bad panics and a large and representative patronage has been built up, for the people of Upper Sandusky have come to regard the institution as thoroughly safe, calling it "the old reliable." Mr. Plumb's splendid business and executive ability have been called forth in this connection and he has put forth every effort to promote the interests of the depositors along con-

servative lines, while at the same time giving them the benefit of a progressive business policy.

On the 1st of March, 1894, at Upper Sandusky, Mr. Plumb married Miss Florence Estelle Demarest, a daughter of John S. and Sarah (Terry) Demarest, pioneers in Wyandot county and both representatives of old American families, the Terry line coming from Virginia and the Demarests from New York state. The history of this family is intimately connected with the growth and development of Wyandot county and representatives of both branches have been prominent in public affairs here since early times. Mrs. Plumb's grandfather, Ethan Terry, was the man who surveyed the county seat and was afterward a member of the first board of county commissioners. The names have been well known and respected in this section of the country, where they have been borne always by upright, honorable and worthy men, who have left their impress upon the early history of the state.

Fraternally Mr. Plumb belongs to the Masonic order and is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church and, politically, he is a stanch adherent of the republican party. He has been called upon to serve his city in various important capacities and, although he has never sought political preferment, has never evaded the obligations of citizenship. From 1903 to 1910 he was a member of the city council and in this relation was instrumental in securing the installation of the city sewerage system before the paving of the streets was completed. He was recently a candidate on the republican ticket for the office of mayor and, although his name was selected without his knowledge and he never campaigned for a single day, the votes when counted showed that he was defeated by only two votes—a striking evidence of his political power and his popularity. Mr. Plumb is interested in anything that pertains to the welfare and upbuilding of the city and in those public and semi-public measures which are of genuine worth. He is a member of the Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce and president of the Carnegie Library building committee—connections which indicate something of the scope and variety of his interests. He is a man prominently and widely known in Wyandot county and in Upper Sandusky, where his labors have promoted financial, social

and political development. His unbending integrity of character, his ability in the discharge of duty and his appreciation of the responsibilities which rest upon him, make him a citizen whose worth is widely acknowledged.

JOHN GAMBER.

John Gamber is living retired in Upper Sandusky, enjoying in ease and comfort the fruits of many years of close identification with agricultural interests of Mifflin and Salem townships. He was born in the latter township, November 12, 1863, and is a son of Adam and Magdalena (Meyer) Gamber, natives of Germany, the father's birth having occurred in 1820. He came to America and settled in Pennsylvania in 1851 and afterward farmed in Salem township, this county. He died in 1882 and was survived by his wife until 1904, her death occurring when she was seventy-seven years of age. In their family were eight children. Louisa married William Sherman, a farmer in Kansas, and they have one child. Adam, a salesman with headquarters in Mansfield, Ohio, married Emma Foulk and they have one child. Henry, a retired farmer, living in Upper Sandusky, married Elizabeth Karg and they have four children. John is the subject of this review. Magdalena married Phillip Karg, a farmer in Salem township, and they have two children. Salina wedded Thomas Stephens, a farmer in Richland township, and they have two children. Elizabeth is the wife of Carl Havens, a machinist. Emma, the youngest child in this family, married John Stephens, a farmer in Richland township, and they have four children.

John Gamber was reared to the occupation of farming and after completing his common-school education worked upon his father's property until after the latter's death. He then purchased a tract of one hundred and twenty-nine acres in Hardin county and lived upon it for eight years, selling it at the end of that time. He subsequently bought four hundred and fifty-three acres in Mifflin and Salem townships and upon this property carried on general farming and stock-raising, meeting with gratifying success in both branches of his work. Every year he harvested fine crops of hay, corn and oats in

return for the care and labor he bestowed upon the fields, while his stock-raising interests constituted an important source of his income. In 1911 Mr. Gamber put his son in charge of his holdings and moved to Upper Sandusky, where he is now living retired in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He makes his home at No. 329 North Eighth street and is well known and highly esteemed as one of the substantial and worthy residents of his native county.

Mr. Gamber was married on the 14th of March, 1890, in St. Paul's Lutheran church in Mifflin township to Miss Louisa Krock, a daughter of Fred and Salina (Weible) Krock, the former a prosperous farmer in that community. Mr. and Mrs. Gamber are the parents of five children: Adam, a farmer in Salem township, who married Miss Annie Beidelschies; Charles, Eva, who is the wife of Henry Weper, a bookkeeper at Columbus, Ohio; John, Jr., and Lucy.

Mr. Gamber supports the democratic party and his given evidence of his capability and fidelity in positions of public trust through his service as supervisor of Mifflin township and member of the school board, having held each of these offices for two years. A native of Wyandot county, he has for some time been an interested witness of its growth and development, and that his life has been ever an upright and honorable one is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers.

FRANK HOLMES.

For many years one of the influential men of his district and a newspaper editor and owner of renown and high standing, at present the popular postmaster of Nevada and prominent in fraternal life in a district far exceeding the confines of Wyandot county, due credit must be given to Frank Holmes for what he has accomplished in the interests of the public. When he entered upon newspaper publication, the purpose of journalism still had its educational feature, in addition to the dissemination of general and local news, and had not yet been tinged with that commercial spirit, which seeks through sensationalism to stimulate the curiosity of the pub-

lic, without regard to wrong impressions. He never deviated from these high principles or lowered his standards or considered it expedient or profitable to do so. He stands as a high type of public-spirited citizenship and never weighed a question of civic or personal honor in the scale of policy. As postmaster of Nevada he discharges his duties systematically and with such faithfulness that never a complaint has been heard and none could be found.

Born on August 4, 1862, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Frank Holmes is a son of Dr. Samuel W. and Sarah E. (Ensminger) Holmes, the father for many years a physician of Upper Sandusky, county school examiner and an ardent worker in the cause of education. The family is of English extraction.

Frank Holmes received his common-school education in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and as a boy entered the printing business with the Upper Sandusky Union under D. J. Stalter as editor. He later continued with Dumm & Brunner on the same paper. Having gained valuable experience of the mechanical end of the business as well as in the reportorial and office divisions, he established in May, 1880, in connection with his father, the Sycamore Star, which he continued for three years and in May, 1883, sold out to a company. In that year he formed his present partnership under the firm name of Wilcox & Holmes, engaged in the publication of the News at Nevada, the firm being founded in November, 1883. Under his stimulating influence the paper has ever prospered and gradually a most excellent power equipment was installed and all other appliances provided were of equally up-to-date type. Until November, 1912, Mr. Holmes directed the editorial policy of the paper, exerting himself to promoting that which would be of most benefit to the city, always taking a concise and clear position in regard to political questions, condemning sharp practices and commending good measures. The news service has become better and better as the years have passed and is especially complete in regard to local happenings. As the paper has advanced from the newspaper point of view its advertising columns have been keeping pace and the patrons who occupy space in its columns are not only representative but numerous. Naturally, circulation has increased, not only in Nevada but in the surrounding territory, and the News has become a popular journal with the public and a strong factor in the political life of the section. Al-

though since 1912 Mr. Holmes has given his attention mostly to his duties as postmaster of Nevada, he is still a partner in the firm. They own the brick block in which their printing office is located on the second floor, the lower rooms being rented to the government for postoffice purposes. Moreover, Mr. Holmes has other important interests, owning extensive realty in the west.

In December, 1883, occurred the first marriage of Mr. Holmes, of which were born two sons: William, who at present occupies the position of foreman in the Nevada News office; and Oscar, a pupil in the Nevada public schools. On November 29, 1912, Mr. Holmes married a daughter of G. W. Barrick, who now resides with his daughter and son-in-law, having recently removed here from Iowa, where other members of the family are engaged in agricultural pursuits. The father is an honorably discharged soldier of the Civil war.

As is but natural in the career of a newspaper man, Mr. Holmes has actively participated in the public life of his community and was elected and filled the office of city clerk for a period of ten consecutive years. His political affiliation is with the republican party and in 1912, during the presidential campaign, he was invited by the state executive committee of that organization to participate as speaker. His fraternal affiliations are extensive and worthy of special mention. He is a member of Nevada Lodge, No. 234, Knights of Pythias, having filled every official position in the lodge and district; a member of Nevada Lodge, No. 625, I. O. O. F., having held all offices therein and now having served as secretary thereof for twelve years; a member of Nevada Lodge, No. 343, F. & A. M., serving his second term as secretary; member of Nevada Chapter, No. 184, R. A. M., holding official position in this lodge also; member of Nevada Court, Tribe Ben Hur, and has been secretary thereof since it was established in 1898; and member of Nevada Camp, No. 9406, M. W. A., having served as officer therein for several terms. He has done eminent work for these organizations as public speaker and reader, achieving a distinction which has gained him a state-wide reputation.

The progress of a section is largely due to the high views of life such men as Mr. Holmes take. Every worthy enterprise finds in him a champion and he has ever exerted his powers to give credit to what is right and condemn what is wrong,

and, moreover, he endeavored to teach the public as to what is right and wrong, not only in political life but also in regard to everyday affairs. His influence upon the moral upbuilding and the intellectual advancement of Nevada and its tributary district should not be underestimated, and his support to any measure that has for its purpose commercial expansion is ever enthusiastically given.

THADDEUS F. CLEMENS.

Thaddeus F. Clemens, who in an influential way has for many years been identified with farming interests in Salem township and whose enterprise has contributed much toward the agricultural development of the community, was born in Crane township, near the Oak Grove schoolhouse, June 27, 1863. He is a son of Alfred Clinton and Nancy (Radebaugh) Clemens, the former a native of Uniontown, Maryland, and the latter of Fairfield county, Ohio. The father came from his native section to Ohio with Abraham Clinton Clemens, grandfather of the subject of this review, and with him settled in Fairfield county, whence he afterwards moved to Salem township, where he carried on farming until his death, which occurred September 19, 1893. He was one of the best known men in this community and highly esteemed for his many sturdy and upright qualities of mind and heart. His wife was born in 1822 and was a year old when she came with her father to Fairfield county, where she grew to womanhood. Her death occurred on March 20, 1898.

Thaddeus F. Clemens is the youngest in a family of five sons and five daughters. He was one year old when his parents removed to his present farm and there he grew up, acquiring his education in the district schools. He laid aside his books at the age of eighteen and obtained employment upon a neighboring property, working for two years as a farm hand and returning home at the end of that time to assume the management of his father's farm. When he was twenty-two years of age he went west and spent two years in Wyoming, intending to make that state his future home, but in 1893 he was called back by the death of his father. He and his brother, Chase, operated the home farm in partner-

ship for two years, after which Mr. Clemens of this review purchased his brother's interest and has since conducted the enterprise alone. He has improved the property with a comfortable residence and has kept the barns and outbuildings in good repair, adding to them when necessary and installing modern farm equipment. He has since made his home here, carrying on general agricultural pursuits and stock-raising, and he has achieved such a substantial degree of success that he is numbered among the influential and prominent men of this community.

In 1896 Mr. Clemens was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Walborn, a daughter of Jonathan Walborn, and both are well known throughout the township. Mr. Clemens is a man of high moral character, industrious and enterprising, and his honesty and integrity of character have always merited him the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

ARTHUR NOBLE SMITH, M. D.

Among the foremost of the younger representatives of the medical fraternity in Upper Sandusky is Dr. Arthur Noble Smith, who since 1909 has engaged in general practice here. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, December 1, 1885, and is a son of Dr. D. S. and Anna M. (Ritter) Smith. The father was born in Adams county and grew to manhood in that section, later graduating in medicine from the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, receiving the degree of M. D. in 1879. He was for over thirty years in active practice in Ross county and during that time treated over fifteen hundred cases of typhoid fever and never lost a single case. This is a most remarkable record and is a clear evidence of Dr. Smith's ability as a physician. He and his wife now make their home in Upper Sandusky.

Arthur N. Smith acquired his early education in the public schools of Chillicothe, which he attended until he was twelve years of age, after which he entered the high school in Twin township, graduating from that institution in 1902. He then took a course in the Ohio University at Athens and subsequently, having determined to follow in his father's footsteps, studied medicine in the Ohio Medical University at Columbus,



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receiving his degree of M. D. in 1909. He at once opened an office in Upper Sandusky, being at that time the youngest practicing physician in the state of Ohio, and his patronage has constantly grown in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his ability to cope with the intricate problems which frequently confront the physician. Doing important research work in bacteriology and embryology, Dr. Smith makes a specialty of diseases of women and children and is favorably considered by the profession and the public on account of successful work along this line. He is a young man of pronounced ability in his chosen profession and undoubtedly a brilliant future lies before him.

Dr. Smith married on the 5th of August, 1908, at Columbus, Ohio, Miss Meema O. Kline, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kline, the former a well known lawyer of Huntington, West Virginia. Dr. Smith is prominent in fraternal circles, holding membership in the Masonic Order, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He belongs to the Home Guards and to the Phi Delta, an important medical fraternity. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and in 1912 was elected coroner of Wyandot county. He has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of Upper Sandusky and by his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling characteristics has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public.

S. S. BARRETT, A. M., M. D.

Anyone who has in any manner become acquainted with the village of Nevada, Ohio, has known Dr. S. S. Barrett, whose reputation as a skilled physician has extended far beyond the limits of Wyandot county. His birth occurred on the old family homestead near Sciotoville, Scioto county, Ohio, on the 22d of October, 1861, his parents being Henry and Jane (Farney) Barrett. His paternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth (Hatch) Barrett, were natives of New Hampshire, the former born on the 1st of December, 1786, and the latter on the 13th of February, 1790. Coming to

Ohio, they purchased and located on a section of government land in Scioto county, situated three miles from the Ohio river and bounded on one side by the Little Scioto river. There they spent the remainder of their lives, Henry Barrett, Sr., passing away on the 21st of October, 1858, and his wife on the 13th of February, 1872. Their marriage was celebrated on the 14th of May, 1807, and they became the parents of the following children: Lavina, who was born on the 18th of December, 1808; Abigail, whose birth occurred on the 5th of December, 1810; Thornton, whose natal day was January 4, 1813; John, born January 9, 1818; and Henry, Jr., who was born on the 3d of November, 1825. The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Elizabeth (Foster) Farney, the former born on the 28th of August, 1801, and the latter on the 6th of May, 1806. They were married December 25, 1827, and had the following children: Marcus, who was born on the 6th of January, 1829; Minerva, March 3, 1830; John, whose birth occurred June 9, 1831; Jane, born January 10, 1833; Amanda, September 5, 1834; Van, March 21, 1836; and Clark, who was born December 21, 1837. The father of this family passed away on the 28th of July, 1838, and the mother afterward married again, having a son by her second marriage, Vernon Rowe, who was born on the 3d of December, 1843. Her demise occurred on the 10th of August, 1879.

Henry Barrett, Jr., the father of Dr. S. S. Barrett, was born on the farm which his parents had acquired from the government and thereon spent his entire life, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest on the 30th of September, 1871. On the 26th of November, 1856, he wedded Miss Jane Farney and unto them were born the following children: James J., whose birth occurred on the 30th of September, 1857, and who passed away on the 27th of October, 1858; George G., born January 9, 1859, who resides upon and operates part of the original family homestead in Scioto county; Samuel S., of this review; John, who was born December 18, 1864, and likewise cultivates a part of the old family homestead; Vernon R., born February 6, 1868, who is engaged in business at Portsmouth, Ohio; and Van F., born February 6, 1868, twin brother of Vernon. The last named is a practicing physician of Lakeview, Ohio. The parents of these children were consistent

and devoted members of the Baptist church and were well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which they made their home. The mother was left a widow with a family of small children but bravely shouldered her responsibilities and has seen them grow to honorable and useful manhood under her training and care. She still survives, residing on the old homestead farm in Scioto county.

Samuel S. Barrett was born and reared on the farm which was the home of his parents and grandparents and obtained his early education in the district schools. Subsequently he followed the profession of teaching in the district for a period of fourteen months and then entered Rio Grande College at Rio Grande, near Gallipolis, Ohio, being graduated from that institution at the end of a six years' course of study. Again entering the ranks of pedagogy, he taught for one year at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, as professor of English and science in the State Baptist College. Subsequently he taught at Salem, Missouri, acting as superintendent of schools there for three years. In 1892 he entered the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland and was graduated from that institution in 1895. He continued his studies by a post-graduate course in New York city on the treatment of diseases of the eye and ear and on completing the same located for practice in Nevada, Ohio, which town has since remained the scene of his professional labors. He is eminently successful and has built up a practice which is both extensive and lucrative. The Doctor has a kindly heart, which prompts him to attend all calls and give the same care to the lowly patient that he would to the richest patron, even when he knows that the only reward he will receive is the thanks of the sufferer and the consciousness of a good deed performed. The weather is never too inclement, the cold too severe or the day too sultry to keep him from those who are in need of his services. His considerate care and cheerful words have brought comfort to many a sickroom, while his skillful ministration has brought relief to the sufferer. He gives his undivided attention to his profession and keeps well informed on all the latest discoveries in medicine and science, his ample library and medical journals furnishing him with studies most suited to his requirements. At his office he has a large medical library, while his home is adorned with a magnificent collection of books on miscellaneous literature.

On the 28th of April, 1898, Dr. Barrett was united in marriage to Miss Sabina Bever, a daughter of the late Samuel and Christiana Bever, of Nevada, Ohio. They have four children, namely: Carey C., who was born on the 8th of March, 1899; Mary M., whose natal day was March 10, 1900; Arthur B., whose birth occurred October 18, 1901; and Milton E., born February 25, 1905. The family are among the leaders in the social circles of Nevada and are earnest workers in any cause for the advancement of the town and its citizens. Fraternally the Doctor is identified with the Masons, belonging to the lodge, the chapter and the Order of the Eastern Star. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a very enthusiastic lodge worker, and it is largely due to his earnest and persistent effort that the lodges owe their own building and also the Masonic-Pythian Auditorium. As an influential citizen of Nevada his services may be counted upon to advance every worthy measure and his influence is a potent factor in the cause of humanity. Few men have been granted a warmer place in the affections of their fellowmen or are more deserving of commendation than Dr. Samuel S. Barrett.

RALPH N. FOWLER.

Ralph N. Fowler, a prominent representative of agricultural interests of this county, is a native son of Pitt township, born in Little Sandusky, February 22, 1879. His parents were Hiram and Alice (Hornby) Fowler, the former a well known agriculturist in Pitt township, where his birth occurred in 1852. For a number of years he was successful in the operation of five hundred and eighty acres of land and owned this extensive tract at the time of his death in 1905. His wife, who was born in 1857 in Marion county, survives him and makes her home with the subject of this review. In this family were two children: Finfun A., a prominent farmer of Pitt township, who married Miss Grace A. Wood, by whom he has two children, Charles R. and Leafy Alice, and Ralph N., of this review.

Ralph N. Fowler acquired his education in the public schools of Little Sandusky, laying aside his books at the age

of sixteen. From that time until the death of his father he assisted with the work of the homestead, gaining a practical knowledge of all the details connected with the operation of a modern farm. In 1905 he assumed possession of his share of his father's estate and has since been very successful in the conduct of his agricultural interests. He owns two hundred and fifty acres in Pitt township and upon this property carries on general farming and stock-raising, both branches of his work constituting important sources of his income. He raises hay, corn, wheat and oats, which he sells in the local markets, and in addition keeps fifteen head of cattle, five hundred Jersey Red hogs, of which he makes a specialty, and from eight hundred to one thousand sheep. He is an able, alert and enterprising business man and is well known and highly esteemed as one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of this community.

On March 5, 1904, at Harpster, Ohio, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Miss Frances Monte, a daughter of David and Mary (Sheets) Monte, the former a dealer in second-hand metals. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have three children, Nova G., Hiram R. and Max N. Mr. Fowler gives his allegiance to the republican party, and is a devout attendant at the Methodist church.

STANTON ELLWORTH BRETZ.

A native of Wyandot county, Stanton Ellworth Bretz of Nevada has here won his success, enjoying a profitable practice as veterinary surgeon and being also engaged in the undertaking and real-estate business, owning moreover valuable farm property. He was born in Antrim township, Wyandot county, January 24, 1862, and is a son of David S. and Jane A. (Coon) Bretz, the father a native of Marion county, Ohio, where he was born in 1838 and where he successfully followed agricultural pursuits until his retirement from active labor in 1908. The mother was born in 1836 and passed away in 1910. In their family were the following children: Fannie Josephine, who married John Ten Eyck, a retired farmer, and lives at Marion, Ohio; Stanton Ellworth, of this review; Cora B., who married Charles Swartz, a farmer of Antrim town-

ship, by whom she has two children, John E. and David L.; and Sarah E., the wife of Henry Bardon, a bank cashier at Morral, Ohio, by whom she has two children, Helen and Grace.

Stanton E. Bretz received his education in the district schools of Wyandot county, in the Pitt township district school and also attended public school at Upper Sandusky. He then took a course at Oberlin College and graduated from the Chicago Veterinary College in 1888. Thoroughly prepared for a professional career, he opened an office at Little Sandusky, there remaining for ten years, at the end of which period he moved to Nevada in 1898, since which time he has been located here, his patronage increasing as the years have passed. He is thoroughly skilled and has gathered a wide and valuable experience in his profession, making him one of the foremost veterinarians in this section. The Doctor has also acquired an enviable reputation as horse expert and in extreme cases has been called in to break and educate some of the most vicious and wild horses in this neighborhood which were considered beyond all redemption. He also is engaged as undertaker and is assisted in the business by Mrs. Bretz, who is a graduate embalmer, having received a state license. The real-estate field has also been entered by Dr. Bretz, who has handled some of the important transfers in Wyandot county. He personally owns a valuable tract of one hundred and twenty acres on section 5, Eden township, and ninety-six acres in Salt Rock township, Marion county. Other of his property interests are two residences and a veterinary barn in Nevada, the latter of which is used for the execution of his work and as a stabling place for animals to be treated.

On September 24, 1892, in Marion county, Ohio, Dr. Bretz was united in marriage to Miss Eva Ione Walters, a daughter of William and Lucretia (Shoots) Walters, the parents being farming people of Marion county. Dr. and Mrs. Bretz have one daughter, Rowena Antoinette, who was born in Nevada, July 10, 1899. Mrs. Bretz was born in Marion county, May 31, 1868, and was educated at the Delaware College, giving special attention to music.

Dr. Bretz gives his allegiance to the republican party and has at various times given evidence of his public spirit by participating in the public life of his community, having served as member of the council of Nevada for two terms and as member of the school board for three terms, his latter con-

nection giving evidence of his sincere interest in the cause of education. He keeps in touch with his colleagues through the medium of his memberships in the Northwestern Ohio Veterinary Medical Association and the National Veterinary Medical Association. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and his religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is highly regarded in his community and the surrounding district, where he is widely and favorably known and enjoys the confidence and good-will of the general public. Ambition has led him to engage in various fields of labor and he has been successful along all lines to which he has given his attention. A substantial man and a man of worth, he has contributed to the general welfare and his life has to be estimated not only in regard to the personal prosperity it has brought to him but as a factor in the general advancement along material, moral and intellectual lines.

A. P. JOHNSON.

A. P. Johnson is well known in business circles of Carey as the proprietor of a large automobile garage and in the political life of the city by reason of his able work as a member of the city council. He was born in Berea, Ohio, June 21, 1882, and is a son of W. C. and Adah (Pickering) Johnson. The father was educated in the public schools of Hiram and later attended Oberlin College. The mother's schooling was acquired in Geauga county, where she grew to womanhood. Their marriage occurred in Berea and they afterward lived in Wellington and Creston before coming to Carey. The father was well known throughout the county for his success in the cultivation of onions and celery and in 1894 opened up the marsh lands north of Carey. Here he was successful in his vegetable farming until 1896, when he met with reverses, his crops failing on account of continued rain. However, his financial condition improved in the following year and he had become once more a successful and prosperous farmer when, on the 11th of September, 1900, he was killed while defending his home against an attack of burglars. His wife now owns the farm and makes her home upon it.

After acquiring his education in the public schools A. P. Johnson came to Carey and here began his independent business career as the proprietor of the automobile garage which he still conducts. He does an excellent business, being practical and far-sighted in his methods and incorruptible in his integrity. His attention is divided between his private business affairs and his duties as a member of the city council, to which he was elected in the fall of 1911. In this position he has since done practical and constructive work, supporting measures which he deems for the best interests of the community and proving his public spirit by active and well directed political service. His fraternal connections are with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Lutheran church.

GUILFORD D. TROWBRIDGE.

Guilford D. Trowbridge, conducting a photographic studio in Upper Sandusky, was born in Fayette, Fulton county, Ohio, August 21, 1859, a son of William and Mary A. (Erick) Trowbridge. The father, born in Knox county, Ohio, in 1833, is a cabinet-maker by trade and makes his home with his son in Upper Sandusky. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1835, and her death occurred in Fulton county in 1894. In this family were three children. Zella married F. L. Felger, a piano dealer at Fayette, Ohio, and they have two children, Grace and Helen. Guilford D., the second in order of birth, is the subject of this review. Mattie married Henry J. Bachman, an implement dealer and speculator at Wauseon, Ohio, and they have a son, Roland.

Guilford D. Trowbridge attended the public schools of Fayette, Ohio, until he was twenty years of age and afterward worked for a short time at the carpenter's trade. He then, however, learned photography and has been connected with this art since that time. He worked in the employ of others in his native section through 1880 and afterward spent five years at Morenci, Michigan. In 1886 he began his independent career, establishing himself in the photographic business in Fowlerville, Michigan, where he remained until 1893.



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He then spent two years with his father, after the death of his mother, after which he came to Upper Sandusky, where he now conducts a studio. His patronage is extensive, owing to the excellent class of work which he turns out, and his ability ranks him with the leading members of the profession in this part of the state. He was called upon to do all the photographic work in connection with this history and as special photographer furnished all of the illustrations appearing in these volumes, acquitting himself with great credit of this important and difficult task.

On August 3, 1885, in Fowlerville, Michigan, Mr. Trowbridge was united in marriage to Miss Anna K. Burg, a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Chapman) Burg, of Junction City, Kansas. Both have passed away, the father dying in 1876 and the mother ten years later. Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge have one son, Dale, who is a draughtsman in Marion, Ohio. He married Miss Iva M. Evans. Fraternaly Guilford D. Trowbridge is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is an independent republican and is closely connected with the general business life of Upper Sandusky through his membership in the Chamber of Commerce. During his sixteen years of residence he has won many friends here and is much esteemed for his social qualities, as well as for his artistic attainments in photographic lines.

MILFORD H. BRINKERHOFF.

In the years of an active and successful business career Milford H. Brinkerhoff has ever enjoyed an unassailable reputation for enterprise, capability and commercial integrity. He is now the oldest music dealer in Wyandot county and has a well appointed store in Upper Sandusky, where he is accorded a liberal patronage. His birth occurred in McCutchenville, Ohio, February 22, 1849. His father, Alexander W. Brinkerhoff, was born at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in 1821, and in 1834 became a resident of Seneca county, Ohio. He was educated in the public schools and with his initial step in the business world became connected with the dry-goods trade. Later he entered the piano and music business in Upper Sandusky. In 1879 he began to practice medicine

as a specialist in the treatment of rectal diseases, being the inventor of five surgical instruments and remedies specially adapted for that branch of medical science. He was very successful and continued actively in the work of the profession to the time of his death, which occurred in 1887. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha E. Hall, was born in Hainesville, Ohio, in 1827, and passed away in 1864. In their family were three sons: Milford H., of this review; Byron, who died at the age of seven years; and William C., who married Minnie Geisinger, of Springfield, Ohio, and is a practicing physician of Chicago.

In his youthful days Milford H. Brinkerhoff became a pupil in the public schools of Upper Sandusky, which he attended to the age of eighteen years. He started in the business world by engaging in painting machinery for two years. He then began selling machines and devoted his energies to a growing business along that line from 1869 until the present time. He subsequently added the music and piano business, to which he now devotes much of his attention and is the oldest music dealer in Wyandot county in years of continuous connection with the trade. For forty-one years he has been handling the Sterling goods. In fact his business has been very successful from the beginning and has constantly grown and developed because of his close application, his enterprising methods and his earnest desire to meet the requirements of his patrons. He is also a stockholder in the First National Bank and in the Upper Sandusky Telephone Company.

On the 24th of October, 1876, at Gilman, Illinois, Mr. Brinkerhoff was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Kiskadden, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Kiskadden. Her father, a pioneer of Wyandot county of 1844, devoted his life to farming. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkerhoff have become parents of four children. Harry A. first married Nellie Philbrick, who died in 1908, since which time he has wedded Bessie Parker. He has one child, Mary A. He is now a sales manager with the Universal Pattern Company. Grace M., the daughter, is at home. Zachary K., who married Laura Katzmyer, is a farmer living in Louisiana. Van Wyck is an osteopathic physician at Toledo, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Brinkerhoff has been a republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. His fraternal relations are with the Masons and he has attained

the Knights Templar degree of the Scottish Rite. He is interested in all effective movements for the welfare and progress of the city. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. A lifelong resident of Ohio and for many years one of Upper Sandusky's most valued citizens, Mr. Brinkerhoff has contributed in large measure to the progress and development of the city, not alone along material lines, but also in its intellectual, social and moral development.

GIDEON BOWEN.

The real builders and promoters of Wyandot county have largely been the men who came to this region when it was an unimproved tract and utilized its natural resources, transforming the wild prairie into rich and productive fields, the products of which constitute one of the chief sources of the county's prosperity. Preeminent among these men is Gideon Bowen, who, if not the oldest living settler in Wyandot county, is one of the three oldest and whose residence here, dating from 1829, has covered the most important period of the county's history. He has not only been a witness of the growth and progress that has transformed this into a populous and prosperous region but has also borne his full share in the work of general development and improvement. He has seen wild prairies become fertile farms, roads built and cities founded and as the years passed, his unwearied labor has been rewarded by success, making him one of the successful and honored citizens of this part of the state.

Mr. Bowen was born in Wyandot county, February 15, 1829, and is a son of Joseph and Margaret Bowen, both of whom have passed away, the father dying in 1833 and the mother in 1887. Mr. Bowen spent a hard and burdensome childhood, assuming as a boy a man's responsibilities and combating with rare courage and determination the hardships, obstacles and privations of pioneer times. When he was only four years of age his father died, leaving the mother so poor that she was obliged to "farm out" her eight children. Hard labor fell to the lot of Gideon Bowen, who was set to work at clearing land and opening up new farms out of the wilderness. He was connected in a peculiar way with

the foundation of Upper Sandusky, for his master, to whom he was hired out, was employed to move from the present town site the homes and effects of the Indians, who were compelled to leave what was then their reservation. The master assisted in the moving of the wigwams and in the transportation of the squaws and papooses to Cincinnati, where they embarked for their new home selected by the government. Mr. Bowen was left behind in Upper Sandusky to take charge of eighteen acres of corn, which was planted on the homestead owned by his master. During this time he received a meager education, attending the little log school-house on the river bank, which was converted from an Indian council house.

Mr. Bowen's next work here was clearing the land, where Upper Sandusky now stands, and in the course of this occupation he cleared and filled in the corner at Walker and Main streets where the Moody grocery store was later erected. He aided in the construction of the old log building used as a general store in the early days and he was afterward a clerk in the establishment. Eventually, however, he turned his attention to farming, his years of earnest, indefatigable and untiring labor placing him today among those who have contributed in substantial measure to the county's agricultural development and advancement. He owns eighty acres of land in Crane township but has put this in the hands of a tenant, having some time since laid aside the cares of active business life. He has built on the first property which he ever owned in Upper Sandusky a fine modern house, and in memory of his early struggles, difficulties and hardships in pioneer times has incorporated in it some of the lumber, from which his first little log cabin was made many years ago.

Mr. Bowen married, November 18, 1852, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Deborah Woolley, and they became the parents of five children. The eldest, Samuel, died at the age of four years. Ada is now Mrs. Straw, and has one child. Della, now Mrs. Moyer, makes her home in Upper Sandusky. Ota B. is the widow of S. W. Nigh, who died in 1908, after a successful agricultural career. Mrs. Nigh was for twelve years a school teacher in Upper Sandusky and for six years was connected with the public schools of North Baltimore. She was an earnest, capable and conscientious teacher and very much beloved by her scholars, as she is also by all who

come in contact with her. She now makes her home with her father, the subject of this review, at 308 North Seventh street, in Upper Sandusky. Pliny W., the youngest child in this family, makes his home on his father's farm in Crane township. He is married and has three children, Martha L., Helen C. and Miller E.

Mr. Bowen gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is never active as an office seeker. For a number of years he was a member of the United Brethren church, serving as superintendent. He has been interested in the welfare of the county and has given active cooperation to movements for the public good, while his efforts in behalf of general improvement have been effective and far-reaching. Living in Wyandot county for eighty-four years, or since his birth, he is one of the best known citizens of this locality, being widely recognized as a man of tried integrity and worth, of business enterprise and unfaltering diligence. He is a self-made man, who, depending upon his own resources, has conquered hardship and defeat, working his way upward and proving the force of his character and the extent of his energy in the splendid success he has achieved.

ORLANDO V. RILEY.

One of the prosperous men of Nevada and a leader in the commercial life of the city, Orlando V. Riley is engaged along various lines, including general merchandising, dealing in farm implements and machinery, real-estate transactions, and is also the sole owner of the only fireproof auto garage in Nevada. A versatile man of business ability, energy and progressive methods, he has sought and found prosperity along various lines until he is considered today one of the substantial residents of Nevada, which city in turn has profited by his efforts, so that his life work has become a serviceable factor in the general upbuilding. A native of Davis county, Iowa, he was born October 1, 1869, and is a son of David M. and Bertha (McGough) Riley. Both parents are natives of Van Wert county, Ohio, where the father was born in 1842 and the mother in 1846. The former during practically all his active

life was engaged in mercantile pursuits and for eighteen years served efficiently as postmaster at Convoy, Van Wert county. He retired in 1912 and both he and his wife still reside in the city which was their home for so many years and which witnessed the business success of the father. In their family were the following children: Oliver H. is a merchant at Fostoria, Ohio. He married Adaline Knapp and has five children; Frank O., Floyd O., Forrest O., Fannie O. and Florence O. Charles died in childhood. Orlando V. is the subject of this review. Margaret M. married Lee G. Friedenburt, a station agent on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Whiting, Indiana, by whom she has two children, Harry and Martha. Nellie M. married Christopher Hoelle, a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania system at Van Wert, Ohio. Cleo G. married Paul Long, a bank cashier at Convoy, Ohio, and they have one child, Mary Louisa. One child of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Riley died in infancy.

Orlando V. Riley attended public school at Convoy until sixteen years of age, when he laid aside his text-books in order to accept a position as telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, a connection which he maintained for sixteen years. Thrifty and industrious, and desirous of establishing himself in business independently, he then became a merchant in Nevada, also handling farm implements and machinery and extending his efforts to the real-estate field, being successful in all these connections. He has since built and now is the sole owner of the only fireproof auto garage in Nevada, deriving a substantial income from this enterprise. Before the natural gas company began operations he supplied Nevada for a period of seven years with acetylene gas, operating a plant for the manufacture of the commodity. As landholder of ninety-two acres on section 4, Antrim township, and section 33, Eden township, he is connected with agricultural interests and he also owns his handsome residence in Nevada.

At Monroeville, Indiana, on August 21, 1889, Mr. Riley was united in marriage to Miss Georgia L. Gartly, a daughter of Mrs. Millie Edwards of her first union, with Mr. Gartly, and now residing in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Riley have three children: Clyde G., Margaret A. and David E. The elder son, Clyde, married Beatrice Young and assists his father in the automobile business.

Mr. Riley gives his allegiance to the republican party and has for ten years served efficiently as member of the school board, giving thereby evidence of his public spirit and interest in the cause of education. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. Fraternally he is a Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Modern Woodmen of America. His career is proof of the fact that success is but ambition's answer and that the old-fashioned virtues of honesty and industry will still win the day. He has become one of the most substantial men of his community, where he is highly regarded and respected, enjoying the confidence and goodwill of all who know him in a business and social way.

MARSHALL E. FOUCHT.

Marshall E. Foucht, surveyor and civil engineer of Upper Sandusky, is one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Mifflin township, March 24, 1877. His father was William A. Foucht, who was born in Pitt township, this county, in 1855, and is now a merchant of Upper Sandusky. In his earlier life he followed farming but retired from agricultural pursuits and is associated with Andrew Bardon in commercial interests in the county seat. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah J. Ewart, was born in Mifflin township in 1857. They are parents of two sons: Marshall E., and Paul L., the latter now a professor in Oxford University. He wedded Carrie Purnell and they have two children, Beatrice and William.

Marshall E. Foucht pursued his early education in the district schools of Mifflin township and afterward attended the high school of Upper Sandusky and the Ohio Northern University at Ada. He next entered the Zanarion Art College at Columbus, Ohio. In early life he spent two years in farming upon the farm of his father-in-law and afterward engaged in teaching in connection with Wolf's Business College at Hagerstown, Maryland. Subsequently he established a restaurant in Ada, Ohio, but afterward turned his attention to the insurance business in connection with W. A. Gibson. He devoted four years to that undertaking and in his different lines has been very successful. In 1908 he was elected to

the office of county surveyor of Wyandot county and served for a period of four years. He studied civil engineering at A'da in the Ohio Northern University and in following his profession is meeting with good success, receiving now a liberal and well merited patronage.

On the 24th of October, 1901, in Mifflin township, Mr. Foucht was married to Miss Cora E. Justice, a daughter of Henry M. and Susan (Miller) Justice, who were farming people in Mifflin township. Mr. and Mrs. Foucht have three children: Mildred J., Stanton H. and Evelyn L. His political allegiance has always been given the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and his fraternal relations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and with the Royal Arch Masons. He is interested in matters of public-spirited citizenship and to this end cooperates in all progressive movements of the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a member. His religious belief is evidenced in his membership in the Methodist church and at all times his influence is on the side of right, progress, reform and truth.

THOMAS D. STRASER.

Thomas D. Straser, a leading butcher of Upper Sandusky, owns and conducts a well appointed meat market in the city and is meeting with a gratifying success because of his honorable business methods and his earnest desire to please his patrons. He was born in Big Spring township, Seneca county, February 16, 1859, a son of George and Mary (Siebenaller) Straser, natives of Germany, the father born October 15, 1830, and the mother in 1836. George Straser left the fatherland at the age of fifteen and, crossing the Atlantic, settled in Ohio, where he grew to maturity, later becoming a prominent factor in agricultural circles. His wife passed away in 1908. She was the mother of eleven children, Rose, Thomas, Peter, Anna, Elizabeth, John, Louis, Victoria, William, Charles and Christine.

Thomas D. Straser acquired his education in the district schools of Seneca county, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age, after which he worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-four. He then turned his attention



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS D. STRASER

to business pursuits, forming a partnership with his brother Peter in the carpentering and contracting business, which he followed for four years, building many fine residences and barns throughout that section of the state. The partnership was finally dissolved when Peter Straser moved away and in 1888 Thomas Straser turned his attention to general farming, buying one hundred and sixty acres in Mifflin township, upon which he resided until 1905, when he came to Upper Sandusky and engaged in business. He opened a livery barn but after two years established himself as a retail butcher, a line of work in which he has been very successful. His modern, well appointed shop and excellent line of goods have secured him a gratifying patronage, which extends beyond the limits of Upper Sandusky into the surrounding country districts. In addition to this Mr. Straser still supervises the operation of his one hundred and sixty acre farm in Mifflin township, upon which he raises fine crops of hay, wheat, corn and oats and keeps one hundred sheep, forty hogs and eleven horses, selling his stock in the local markets.

Mr. Straser married, October 16, 1888, in Mifflin township, Miss Sophia Rall, a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Bricher) Rall, the former a prominent agriculturist of that locality. Mr. Straser gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has been trustee of Mifflin township for seven years. He is a member of the Catholic church, is identified with the Catholic Knights of Ohio and in his social and business life is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth, who well deserves the widespread respect and esteem which he has won.

JOHN CASEY.

John Casey is a retired farmer now living in Upper Sandusky. During the years in which he cultivated his fields his intelligently directed industry brought him success, enabling him now to rest from further labor. He was born in Erie county, Ohio, March 4, 1850, and is of Irish lineage. His father, Timothy Casey, was born in Ireland in 1805 and at the age of seventeen years came to Ohio, where in business circles he was afterward well known as a contractor in stone and ballast. He furnished the rock to fill in the lake front at

Sandusky and had other important contracts. He died in 1892, having for two years survived his wife, who bore the maiden name of May McDrewry, and who was born in Ireland in 1813. Their children were twelve in number, five of whom are yet living. Katie is the widow of James Gillin, a farmer, who died in 1910, leaving nine children. Maria is the widow of Phillip Kennedy, who passed away in 1909, and their children were ten in number. John is the next of the surviving members of the family. Sarah is the wife of John Courtad, a farmer of Crane township, and they have six children. James, who married Elizabeth Hoffman, is a farmer of Wyandot county and has six children.

In the common schools John Casey pursued his education to the age of nineteen years and afterward worked as a farm hand until he had attained his majority. He then started out independently by renting a farm and after continuing the cultivation of leased land for a number of years he purchased, in 1883, sixty-four acres in Pitt township which a decade later he traded for one hundred and sixty-four acres on section 18, Crane township. For more than ten years he was busily engaged in cultivating and improving this property, making it one of the rich and productive farms of that section of the county. He was very successful and with a handsome competence acquired through his own efforts retired to private life in 1904. His property holdings now include his place of one hundred and sixty-four acres in Crane township and two fine residences on West Wyandot avenue in Upper Sandusky, one of which he occupies.

On the 9th of May, 1871, at Tiffin, Ohio, Mr. Casey was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Seifert, a daughter of Phillip and Susan (Terry) Seifert, of Seneca county, Ohio. Her parents were farming people. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Casey has been born one son, James, who married Miss Emma Mitch. He is also a retired farmer, living at Upper Sandusky.

In politics Mr. Casey has always been a democrat since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and his capability in office is widely acknowledged by his fellow townmen who have frequently called him to serve in public positions. He was justice of the peace in Pitt township for one term, was a trustee of that township for four years, was county commissioner for six and a half years, was supervisor for ten years and a member of the school board for twelve

years. His fraternal relations are with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and his religious faith is evidenced by his membership in the Catholic church, in which for eighteen years he served as councilman. He has always worked diligently and his life's labors have been productive of good results, winning for him not only a substantial competence but also the respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

CHARLES F. CHATLAIN.

Charles F. Chatlain, one of the most successful and prominent farmers and stockmen of Wyandot county, was born in Eden township, February 1, 1877, a son of Frederick H. and Ella (Carr) Chatlain. The father was born in Switzerland, October 18, 1847, and was five years of age when he arrived in America. He grew to manhood in this country and later followed farming in Wyandot county for many years, passing away in 1910. His wife was a native of Eden township and was born in 1851. She died February 19, 1913, at her late home in Nevada. To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Chatlain were born seven children: Charles F., of this review; Louis, who is a partner of Charles F. in the stock business; Myrtle, who married Charles Steinetz, a farmer of Crawford county, by whom she has three children; Nettie, who married Luther Mollencop, a farmer in Antrim township, by whom she has two children; Clarence, who is engaged in farming in Eden township and who married Maud Thomas, by whom he has one child; Frank, who is an agriculturist in Eden township and who married Mary Brewer, by whom he has one child; and Minnie, the wife of Frank Martin of Nevada, Ohio.

The public schools of Eden township afforded Charles F. Chatlain his educational opportunities but he laid aside his books at the early age of fourteen in order to assist with the work of the home farm. When he was eighteen his father made him a partner in the stock-buying business and their association continued until the death of Frederick H. Chatlain, Mr. Chatlain of this review laying at this time the broad foundations of his present success. After his father's death he continued to buy and sell stock and is interested in this line of work at the present time in connection with general

farming. He owns four hundred and three acres of land in Atrim township, upon which he raises corn, wheat and hay, and he keeps also one hundred head of cattle, eight horses, three hundred sheep and six hundred hogs. He takes a great interest in the affairs of his township and is a member of the Farmers Association, a society organized for the purpose of building roads and making general improvements.

On February 24, 1898, Mr. Chatlain was united in marriage at Morral, Ohio, to Miss Bessie E. Krestetter, a daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Leith) Krestetter, the former a prominent farmer of Antrim township. Mr. and Mrs. Chatlain have four children, Leo C., May A., Ona M. and Flossie I. Mr. Chatlain attends the Baptist church but is not a member of any religious organization. He gives his allegiance to the republican party, voting its ticket on all national and local questions, but beyond casting his vote takes no active part in political affairs. He is one of the most active and able business men and progressive farmers in Wyandot county and his prosperity has come to him through his own energy, labor and perseverance, so that he stands today among the representative citizens of his native section.

BENJAMIN F. KENNEDY.

Benjamin F. Kennedy, who since 1883 has been the efficient manager of the W. L. Bones estate, located in Pitt and Mifflin townships, is numbered among the earliest residents of Wyandot county and among her most progressive and successful native sons, his birth having occurred in Marseilles township, October 8, 1838. He is a son of Frederick and Elmira (Hull) Kennedy, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born about the year 1818 and the latter in 1820. The father was a wheelwright by trade and followed that occupation until his death in 1841. The mother has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1905. In their family were two children: Benjamin F., of this review, and Jerome.

The district schools of Marseilles township afforded Benjamin F. Kennedy his educational opportunities. He laid aside his books at the age of seventeen and clerked from 1855 to 1863 in a local dry-goods store. He made rapid advance-

ment in this field of labor and was in the latter year taken into partnership, his association with mercantile interests continuing until 1883, in which year he became manager of the W. L. Bones estate. He has been very efficient and faithful in his service, looking after the interests entrusted to him carefully and intelligently, and as a result has made the property one of the finest farms in this section, its attractive appearance standing as an evidence of Mr. Kennedy's many years of care and labor.

At Marseilles, September 26, 1861, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Susan L. Knibloe, a daughter of Philip and Katherine Knibloe, of Marseilles township. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy have become the parents of five children, Louis A., Jared C., Charles F., Cora E. and Edna B. Louis A., the eldest, was born August 24, 1871. He was educated in the district schools of Marseilles township, laying aside his books at the age of nineteen in order to accept a position in the office of the adjutant general at Columbus, Ohio. He retained this position from 1891 to 1894 and then came to Harpster, where he entered the employ of H. H. Sears. In 1901, however, he severed this connection and worked in the elevator owned by C. F. Barnhouse until 1905, in which year he purchased an interest in the general store conducted by W. S. Wood. After four years he disposed of his stock and was afterward for twelve months engaged in shipping hay, becoming in 1912 manager of the local elevator. On January 10, 1906, he was married at Little Sandusky to Mrs. Mary Swinehart, who by her former marriage had one son, Lehr W. Louis A. Kennedy is one of the successful and prosperous young business men of Harpster and he possesses in his character and ability the foundation of still greater future advancement. Jared C. Kennedy, the next in order of birth, married Leland Reed and they have two children. He is engaged as an engineer for the Standard Oil Company. Charles F. is a grain merchant. Cora M. married John C. McCleary, a real-estate dealer, and they have two children. Edna, the youngest member of the family, resides at home.

Mr. Kennedy belongs to the Masonic order, and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist church. He is a staunch republican and served for twenty-one years as trustee of Marseilles township and for twenty years as a member of the school board, his labors having been of

direct benefit to the educational advancement of the community. He owns an attractive home in Harpster and is one of the most widely known men in this part of Wyandot county, with the agricultural development of which he has been associated since pioneer times. He has seen the growth of this section of the state and through the years of an honorable and upright manhood has been connected with it, being today, at the age of seventy-five, still an active factor in the world's work.

JOHN N. BENTGES.

John N. Bentges, filling the office of deputy sheriff of Wyandot county, has been a lifelong resident of Upper Sandusky. He was here born March 11, 1863, his parents being Hubert and Catherine (Neidig) Bentges. The father was born in Germany in 1832 and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade, which he afterward followed for many years. On coming to America he settled at Mansfield, Ohio, in 1854, but afterward removed to Upper Sandusky. He died in 1898 but his widow, who was born in 1831, is now living in Columbus, Ohio, at the venerable age of eighty-two years. Their children were six in number. Catherine is the wife of August H. Engeman, proprietor of a hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: Mamie, John and Helen. John N., of this review, is the second in order of birth. Mary is the wife of Michael Bentges, proprietor of a saloon at Columbus, Ohio, and they have one child, Margaret. Anna became the wife of John Comyns, a molder of Cleveland, and died in 1898. William married Agnes Butts, by whom he has three children, Edith, Mildred and Beatrice, and their home is in Lansing, Michigan, where he follows the machinist trade. Joseph, who married Margaret Griffin, was a butcher and died in 1912.

John N. Bentges pursued his early education in the parochial schools and in the public schools of Upper Sandusky, which he attended to the age of seventeen years. In early life he learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for nine years. He was afterward engaged in the conduct of a meat market until 1910, when ill health forced him to retire

from that line of business. He had been very successful and had built up a large trade. In fact he may well be termed a self-made man, for he started out with practically nothing and has worked his way upward with unfaltering energy and determination until he is now in very comfortable financial circumstances. He is a stockholder in the Citizens Savings Bank and has some property interests.

On the 22d of June, 1897, at Nevada, Ohio, Mr. Bentges was married to Miss Johanna O'Connor, a daughter of Phillip and Margaret O'Connor. Her father was a railroad man of Nevada for over forty-five years and was highly esteemed there. Mr. and Mrs. Bentges hold membership in the Catholic church and he has been one of its trustees since the erection of the house of worship. He also holds membership with the Catholic Knights of Ohio. For five years he was a member of the Kirby Light Guard. In politics he has always been a democrat, interested in the success and growth of his party, and upon its ticket was elected to the office of councilman in 1898 and by reelection was continued in the office until 1902. Following his retirement from commercial pursuits he was appointed deputy sheriff of Wyandot county in 1913 and is now acceptably filling that position, making as creditable an officer in that connection as he did when a member of the city council.

RAYMOND H. GRIFFITH.

Raymond H. Griffith, who has led a life of activity and enterprise, resulting in the acquirement of a goodly measure of success, is now engaged in the blacksmithing business in Carey, conducting a profitable enterprise of this character as a member of the firm of Griffith & Stooddy. He is a native of Ohio, born in Pike county, August 17, 1877, and is a son of John F. and Sarah H. (Spahn) Griffith, also natives of this state, the father born in Marshall, Highland county, in 1856, and the mother in 1858. The father is a blacksmith by trade and now conducts a shop in Middletown. He and his wife became the parents of eight children. Raymond H. is the subject of this review. Edna passed away at the age of four years. Madge died in infancy. Blanche makes her home in

Middletown, Ohio. Earl is an iron worker in Middletown. He married Pearl Baird and has one daughter, Leva. The other children in this family are Floyd, Eber and Glen, all of whom reside in Middletown.

Until Raymond H. Griffith was seventeen years of age he attended district school in Highland county and then began his independent career, working for three years in a grist-mill. He also learned the blacksmith's trade, specializing in the horseshoeing branch, and worked under his father from 1895 to 1898. In the latter year he came to Carey and worked at his trade in the employ of others until 1901, when he purchased a shop and started in business for himself. In 1912 the volume of his patronage justified him in taking a partner and accordingly he associated himself with John Stoodly under the firm name of Griffith & Stoodly, the firm now controlling a large and growing trade. Mr. Griffith is a skilled blacksmith and mechanic and upon his efficiency and ability has founded a gratifying degree of success. He owns his own business premises and an attractive residence on Patterson street.

On the 23d of August, 1899, at Sinking Spring, Highland county, Mr. Griffith was united in marriage to Miss Nettie M. Patten, a daughter of Samuel and Etta (Woltz) Patten, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have two daughters, Margaret J. and Helen P. Mr. Griffith is a member of the English Lutheran church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is a firm advocate of its principles but has never sought nor desired public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business affairs, which are capably conducted, making him one of the leading business men in the city.

VOLNEY E. WILLIAMS.

Volney E. Williams is classed among the important land-owners of Pitt township, owning and operating three hundred acres of land, and he is also well known as a breeder of high-grade racing horses. He has spent his entire life in Pitt township and no man of this section of the state is more widely and favorably known. His birth occurred on January 2, 1850, his parents being Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hitchcock) Wil-



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liams, natives of New York state, where the father was born on the 17th of September, 1818, and the mother in February, 1817. Benjamin Williams was a farmer by occupation and spent the later years of his life upon his property in Pitt township, where he died in 1911, having survived his wife for a number of years, her death having occurred February 20, 1900. He was one of the earliest settlers in Wyandot county and operated a saw and gristmill for the Indians in the early days and laid the foundations of his future prosperity in his trade relations with the savages. He and his wife became the parents of six children: Mary J., Anna, Volney E., John E., Franklin B. and one child who died in infancy.

Volney E. Williams attended district school in Pitt township and high school in Upper Sandusky, leaving the latter institution at the age of twenty in order to assist his father with the work of the farm. He left the homestead in 1881 in order to begin his independent agricultural career. That he has met with success in the years which have come and gone is indicated by the fact that he is today the owner of three hundred acres of fine land on sections 15 and 16, Pitt township. On his place stand a fine residence and substantial barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. Mr. Williams follows the most modern methods in carrying on his work and each year gathers abundant harvests of all kinds of farm produce as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon his fields. He is also extensively interested in stock-raising, owning twenty horses, three hundred sheep, seventy-five hogs and twelve head of cattle. Of his high-grade racing horses, of the breeding of which he has made a specialty since the beginning of his active career, "Bay Dick" was the first. He bought him for thirty-five hundred dollars and subsequently sold him to William H. Vanderbilt, in 1882, for seven thousand dollars. Another famous horse "Ambassador" he sold to Brown Stockbridge at Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the high sum of eighteen thousand dollars, these figures being indicative of the quality of his horses.

On the 20th of December, 1881, in Mifflin township, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Angenette Straw, a daughter of Joel and Mary (Swayze) Straw, the former a prominent farmer in that section. He died in 1867, at the age of fifty-eight, and was survived by his wife until 1898, her death occurring when she was eighty-eight years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams became the parents of two sons, Harry S. and Robert W.

Mr. Williams gives his allegiance to the democratic party and his interest in the cause of education is indicated by the able and effective work which he did during his term of service as a member of the school board. Having resided in this township during his entire life, covering a period of sixty-three years, he is well and favorably known here and is widely recognized as a prosperous and progressive business man as well as an upright and honorable citizen.

HARVEY F. SMITH.

Among the successful business men of Nevada, Wyandot county, Ohio, is Harvey F. Smith, who there conducts a livery barn from which he receives gratifying financial returns. A native of Whetstone township, Crawford county, this state, he was born June 27, 1881, a son of Edwin G. and Alice A. (Magers) Smith. The father was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1850 and during his active career conducted a general store, which he owned at North Robinson, Ohio, where he passed away in 1912. The mother is a native of Crawford county, this state, where she was born in 1850, and still makes her home in North Robinson. In their family were the following children: Clyde A., Belle A., Florence M., Harvey F., Myrtle E. and William P.

Harvey F. Smith was reared under the parental roof and early grounded in the old-fashioned virtues of honesty and industry by his parents, attending the public schools of North Robinson in the acquirement of his education until twenty years of age. He then became an associate of his father in the general store which the latter conducted and remained in that connection until 1911, when he removed to Wyandot county, coming to Nevada, where he bought a livery barn. Although he has been in business not yet two years, he has succeeded in gaining a representative and valuable patronage, his ever-increasing business giving evidence of his ability along that line.

On June 24, 1908, Mr. Smith was married, in Crawford county, to Miss Ella M. Miller, a daughter of Isaac and Cath-

erine (Smith) Miller, the former an agriculturist of Crawford county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, William Paul.

Although Mr. Smith has not as yet participated in the public life of Nevada, he successfully and efficiently served as town treasurer of North Robinson for eight years. His political views are independent and he largely follows his own judgment in giving support to candidates and proposed measures. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. His faith is that of the Lutheran church. Although Mr. Smith's arrival in Nevada has been of recent date, he has already established himself in the confidence of his fellow citizens by his strictly honest and thorough business methods and has made many friends here. He owns his residence in Nevada and also has a half interest in a residential property in North Robinson. Personally he is a genial, pleasant-mannered young man, one whose hand everybody is glad to shake and who makes friends readily. This open-heartedness combined with true business ability, industry and reliability have rapidly brought him to the front and his position in Nevada, in business as well as social circles, is assured.

VICTOR K. KNAPP, M. D.

Capable, earnest and conscientious in the performance of his duties, Dr. Victor K. Knapp, of Nevada, Ohio, enjoys a reputation which not only extends throughout the city but far into the surrounding country and which has secured him an extensive and representative patronage in his region. A native of Nevada, he was born November 5, 1870, his parents being Jacob F. and Barbara (Glosser) Knapp. The father was a native of Richland county, born in 1841, and followed the occupation of carriage builder until his demise, which occurred in 1900. The mother was also a native of Ohio, born in 1841, and preceded her husband in death, passing away in 1899. In their family were the following children: Nora E., who married Miner Brown, a groceryman of Upper Sandusky, by whom she has one child, Wilford E., a carriage maker of Nevada; Dr. Victor K.; and Emery O., who married Grace

Shroll, by whom he has two children and who follows harness making at Upper Sandusky.

Dr. Victor K. Knapp received his fundamental education in his native city, graduating from the Nevada high school in 1887. He subsequently received a certificate from the Ohio Northern University at Ada, in the pharmaceutical department in 1889, and graduated from the Cincinnati Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1896, with the M. D. degree. He also attended the Ophthalmological College at Cincinnati, from which he graduated in 1897, and subsequently improved his thorough education by a post-graduate course at Philadelphia in 1908. In his native city he began to practice in 1896 and there he has ever since continued with increasing success, being now considered one of the most successful physicians and surgeons of the town. He specializes in ear, eye, nose and throat diseases and has given to this line deep study and particular attention. His general practice, however, is equally extensive and year by year the list of his patients is growing. Genial, open-hearted and frank in demeanor, he inspires that confidence which is so necessary to a successful cure and is considered by those who call him more as a friend than as a doctor. He is most careful in making a diagnosis, yet after reaching his decision acts quickly and decisively and is seldom, if ever, at fault in selecting the right course for a cure.

At Bowling Green, Ohio, on February 8, 1899, Dr. Knapp was united in marriage to Miss Blanche E. Luddington, a daughter of George and Caroline Luddington, of Toledo, Ohio, where the father is well known as a jewelry merchant. Dr. and Mrs. Knapp have one son, Robert Frederick.

Public-spirited and progressive, Dr. Knapp has, despite his arduous and onerous professional duties, found time to devote to matters outside of his profession affecting the general welfare and for two years has served as coroner of Wyandot county greatly to the satisfaction of his constituents. For nine years he has also been pension examiner. As prosperity has come to him he has become interested in financial and other commercial enterprises and is a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants Bank at Nevada and a director of the Nevada Telephone Company. His political views coincide with the democratic party and fraternally he is a Mason, having taken the degrees of the chapter. Along more professional

lines he is a member of the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society and is president of the Wyandot County Medical Society, this latter connection giving evidence of his standing among his colleagues on account of his ability, experience and knowledge. Having passed, with the exception of his years of study, all his life within the confines of Nevada, his record is well known to the residents of this locality, and in the fact that he has gained widespread confidence and regard, trust and esteem, lies his truest and most enviable success.

LEO A. FLECK.

Leo A. Fleck is proprietor of a cleaning and tailoring establishment in Upper Sandusky and the success he has achieved is the direct and merited reward of his earnest and intelligently directed labor. He was born August 26, 1878, in the city which is still his home, and is one of a family of thirteen children whose parents were Henry and Catherine (Orans) Fleck, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany, the father's birth occurring in 1832 and the mother's in 1840. Mr. Fleck was a tailor by trade and after coming to the new world followed that business. He died in 1905 and his wife, surviving him for about four years, passed away in 1909. Their children were as follows: Frank; Joseph, a tailor of Upper Sandusky, who married Lena Keller; Theodore, who wedded Sallie Woods and is engaged in the tailoring business in North Baltimore, Ohio; Henry, who is engaged in the tailoring business at Upper Sandusky and married Ella Davidson, by whom he has three children; Catherine, the wife of H. E. Hedges, a retired farmer of Upper Sandusky, by whom she has two children; William, a clothier of Upper Sandusky, who married Fannie O'Brien, by whom he has six children; Edward, who is engaged in the tailoring business at Delaware, Ohio, and married Barbara Schweitzer; Sigmund, who married Agnes Burns, by whom he has one child, and is proprietor of a restaurant in Arizona; Louis, who married Rosie O'Brien, by whom he has two children, and is a hardware merchant of Upper Sandusky; Otto, who is with his brother Sigmund in Arizona; Leo, of this review; Isadore,

who married Florence Plate and is a clerk in a clothing store at Upper Sandusky; and George, who wedded Mae Smith and is clerking in a hardware store in Upper Sandusky and is also filling the office of city clerk.

Leo A. Fleck was educated in the parochial schools of his native city and since starting in business here has made rapid progress in the successful conduct of a dry cleaning and repairing shop, the only enterprise of the kind in the city. He is a very energetic, wide-awake and progressive young man and he draws his trade from all parts of the county.

On the 22d of January, 1913, in Upper Sandusky, Mr. Fleck was united in marriage to Miss Nina B. Seligman, a daughter of Lewis and Ella (Atkinson) Seligman, the former a salesman. Mr. Fleck is a member of the Catholic church and fraternally of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, while in politics he is an independent democrat. He concentrates his energies, however, upon his business affairs and is rapidly building up a trade of gratifying proportions.

SYLVESTER B. GILLETT.

Perhaps no one is better known throughout Wyandot county as a breeder of fancy stock than Sylvester B. Gillett, who operates a large farm adjoining Carey and gives his attention to raising Poland China hogs and fine sheep. He was born in Delaware county, Ohio, November 21, 1846, and is a son of Harold and Permelia (Scribner) Gillett, the former a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and the latter of Virginia. The father is of French origin and he came to Ohio about the year 1821, accompanied by his father, Joseph Gillett, who was at that time an extensive farmer. The father and son entered seven hundred and forty acres of government land in Delaware county, cleared the timber and engaged in farming and stock-raising. The grandfather was at that time quite advanced in years and died a short time after removing to this state. He was an honored veteran of the Revolutionary war and was on the staff of General Washington during the entire period of that conflict. His sword was for some time in possession of the family but was later made into a corn knife by the subject of this review, who did not then realize its

historical value as an object of interest to future generations. The father of our subject lived upon the home farm in Delaware county and became prominent and successful as a cattle dealer. He died in 1880, at the age of seventy-six. He was survived by his wife for four years, she passing away at the age of seventy-eight.

Sylvester B. Gillett was one of a family of nine children, six daughters and three sons. He attended school in a little log schoolhouse in Delaware county and after completing the course of studies there spent one term in the Troy high school. He improved all of his advantages along educational lines and was particularly efficient in mathematics, which became his favorite study. During the summers in his childhood he worked upon his father's farm and when he was eighteen years of age the entire responsibility of the enterprise fell to him and to his brother Edward, who carried the work forward steadily and along progressive lines. When Sylvester Gillett was twenty years of age he taught one term in the local school, but afterward resumed general farming. The two lads became interested in breeding and raising fine stock and kept large herds of Poland China hogs, Shorthorn cattle and Merino sheep. They built up an extensive and profitable business, shipping to the eastern markets, but in 1878 Edward Gillett went west and, the farm being then too large for the subject of this review, he went into Morrow county and there rented land. After six or seven years, however, he returned to Delaware county and purchased the old homestead, which he operated for a short time. When he sold it again in 1883 he made a trip to France and there bought a shipment of blooded French stallions, which he imported into Ohio and sold here. For eleven years he devoted his time to buying and selling high-grade draft horses, but in 1889 purchased a farm adjoining the city and again establishing himself as a breeder, devoting his time entirely to raising Poland China hogs and fine sheep. He has probably done more than any other man in the county toward bettering the grades of stock raised, for his long experience, together with the profound study he has given to the business, has made him a recognized authority. When a boy he worked for a short time under a civil engineer and studied this profession at night until he became quite proficient in it, and at present he is often engaged on important engineering work.

In 1887 Mr. Gillett was united in marriage to Miss Ella A. Webb, a daughter of William Harvey and Eleanora (Haines) Webb, who came originally from Carroll county, Maryland, to Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Gillett have one daughter, Irene, who is a teacher in the Carey public schools. Mr. Gillett has held various important township offices, including those of assessor and land appraiser. He is a man well known throughout the county, not only as one of its foremost stockmen but also as a man of straightforward and upright character. He merits the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact and is numbered among the most substantial citizens of his community.

CURTIS B. HARE.

While the record of a business man may be less spectacular than that of a statesman or military leader, it is none the less essential and none the less valuable. In fact the stable prosperity and substantial growth of every community depend upon its enterprising and reliable business men who day by day perform their daily duties, advancing slowly yet steadily and utilizing every means that come to hand, not only to enhance their own interests but also to promote the public welfare. To this class belongs Curtis B. Hare, president of the First National Bank of Upper Sandusky. Honored and respected by all, no man of the city occupies a more enviable position in its financial circles, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy he has ever followed.

Mr. Hare was born in Seneca county, Ohio, October 13, 1844, and is a son of Levi and Jane (Berry) Hare. The father, a native of Pennsylvania, was born in 1819, made farming his life work, and died in the year 1869. His wife, a native of Ross county, Ohio, came to Wyandot county as early as 1823 with her parents and here passed away at the age of thirty-nine years. Their children were Darius D., Curtis B., Celestia S., Cyrus D., Albert J., Adrian A. and Wellington R.

Curtis B. Hare pursued his education in the district schools of Crawford township and by three terms' study in the Carey Academy of Carey, Ohio. He then entered upon his business



CURTIS B. HARE

career there as clerk in a general store, in which he was employed for two years. He was ambitious, however, to engage in business on his own account and at the end of that time purchased a store in Upper Sandusky, which he conducted for five or six years. He then disposed of his stock and entered the store of the Hare Hardware Company, with which he was connected for thirty years. During that period he contributed much to the success of the business through his close application, his unremitting energy, his careful management and his straightforward dealing. He studied the needs and wishes of his patrons, carried a well selected stock of goods and as the years passed enjoyed a growing and gratifying trade. He turned from mercantile interests to concentrate his attention upon financial affairs, having been elected president of the First National Bank of Upper Sandusky in 1895, since which time he has remained at the head of the institution, bending his energies to administrative direction and executive control. He recognizes the fact that the bank which most carefully safeguards the interests of its patrons is the most deserving of public support and during his incumbency as president he has instituted and followed a safe, conservative policy that, however, does not hamper progressiveness.

The only interruption to Mr. Hare's continuous business career came in 1864, when in response to the country's call for aid he joined the army, serving until August 25, 1865, with the United States Signal Corps at New Orleans. This entitles him to wear the little bronze button of the Grand Army of the Republic. He has membership in the post at Upper Sandusky and thus maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades.

On the 23d of October, 1872, in Jefferson county, New York, Mr. Hare was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Brown, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Brown of that county, the former a merchant. Mr. and Mrs. Hare have become parents of five children, but three of the number are deceased. Those living are: Adelaide, the wife of Mark W. Selby, a shoe manufacturer of Portsmouth, Ohio; and Levi B., who married Nettie Gottfried, of Upper Sandusky, and has one child, Elizabeth. The family attend the Methodist church, of which Mr. Hare is a consistent and faithful member. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, yet, while he staunchly upholds its principles, he has never sought nor de-

sired office as a reward for party fealty. In all matters of citizenship he is progressive, and has cooperated in many movements which have contributed to the material, political and moral progress of the community. Wyandot county owes not a little to his efforts and may well class him among her representative citizens.

PIETRO CUNEO.

The career of Pietro Cuneo is a striking and instructive example of what industrious perseverance in a high purpose and indefatigable striving after self-betterment can accomplish, notwithstanding great natural drawbacks and obstacles. From a poor boy, unable to read and to write, beginning his career in a foreign land, he attained to a position of prominence as one of the foremost journalists not only of Wyandot county but of Ohio, one to whom came high public honor and who enjoyed the friendship of the most eminent men of his time. All these accomplishments were achieved through his own efforts and by his own merit. His life's course presents an advancement from step to step which should prove an inspiration to every youth and keep aflame the fire of ambition in the most unfortunately placed, the most patience-tried. From a penniless boy he became a well known editor and as such an educator of grownups and children, a molder of political ideas, opinions and reforms and, to crown his efforts, a representative of the government of his selection to the land which he had left in dismal poverty. Upper Sandusky is proud to have numbered him among her residents and his memory remains a spur to the good efforts of many of her residents to learn the lesson which his life presented.

Pietro Cuneo was born in a small village named Pian de Cunei, about seven miles inland from the city of Chiavari on the Italian Riviera, about twenty-six miles south of Genoa. In his own language he tells of the causes of his emigration to America.

“My father had heard good reports of America. A neighbor of his had returned home with some money and enthu-

siastic accounts of what he saw here, and the opportunities for making something of one's self, which gave my father the American fever. He saw no hope of ever improving his condition over there. Yes, the poor peasant is born in a rude, humble home, and there he must die. He cultivates his little hillside and fields of ground, eats his common coarse meal, admires the beauties with which nature has surrounded him, but no light of education enters his mind. There were then no rolling mills, factories or mechanical establishments to furnish him steady labor or even to incite him to endeavor. He was born poor—poor and uneducated he must remain. Nature has done all she could for him but he is the victim of cruel tyranny. I tell you, my friends, that it may be, and undoubtedly is, very pleasing to the eye to behold the very elaborate, terraced hillsides and valleys, decorated with grapevines, fig and olive trees, but to reside and make a living there is altogether a different thing.

“What is still more unendurable is the stern fact of having to live under rulers who occupy their position not because of eminent merits, peculiar qualifications or the voice of the people over whom they rule, but simply by the right of hereditary descent, a principle which was originated in hell—then, too, with the knowledge that those very despots are placed over you and your children for life! There is no alternative but to bow and submit. I wish you to think for a moment and to imagine what feelings would creep over you if you were now to be informed that you had no longer voice in the making of your laws and the choice of your rulers. In this country the people are the rulers and the officers the servants. In Italy a public functionary will pass you with less respect than if you were a cow. In this country he will stop to inquire as to the condition of your health and that of your family, especially if he be a shrewd politician with aspiration for promotion or reelection. He knows that religiously and politically you stand upon the infallible rock of equality and he treats you accordingly. Here every citizen worships God as he pleases. If our public servants prove meritorious we honor them by reelection; and if unworthy, we dismiss them and repeal the bad laws they have enacted. In Italy, although a man may have the qualifications of an ignoramus and the heart of a woman, yet, if he be the son of a king he is heir to the throne; and he, who was born poor, although endowed with the genius

of a Shakespeare and the wisdom of a Franklin, must die as he was born—in obscurity.

“But in this country, thanks be to God, to the noble patriots who established this benign government and the hosts of its living maimed defenders, the fact that a man may have been born in a humble cottage and followed the trade of a tanner, like Grant, split rails, like Lincoln, drove a canal boat, like Garfield; or taught school like Millard Fillmore, does not debar him from becoming the honored executive of the nation. Truly, there are no distinctions but such as man’s merits may impose. Here the temple of fame opens its portals alike to all. Still it is my experience that whatever may be a man’s surroundings or whatever the country where he resides, the novelty of all around him will wear off and in turn he becomes a victim of despondency and discontentment. The peasant of Italy is ignorant, without ambition, and requires much less to satisfy him. Here our people are ambitious. This is right. A man without ambition is as worthless and as powerless as an engine without steam, but the more we have the greater our desire for what we have not. We take up a poor boy, educate him, make a governor of him, send him to congress and then, instead of feeling grateful he will growl and even abandon his benefactors because they do not keep him there for life or elect him to the presidency. The Italian peasant feels thankful and happy when he has health, sufficient to eat, and work; but we keep up the perpetual cry of ‘hard times’ because we haven’t thousands of bushels of wheat to sell and piles of greenbacks in the bank; and when we have plenty of wheat we are not happy because the price is too low. Now, my kind reader, when you are despondent, when business is dull, don’t fret because you are not in California, digging up nuggets of gold, but remember how transcendently better is your lot when compared with the condition of the peasants of Italy and the millions of poor and oppressed of other lands. He who fails to find a reasonable degree of happiness in America is truly to be pitied for I know not where he can go to better his condition. It has often seemed to me that the American people do not appreciate their institutions and privileges as they should. I will not say that I prize and enjoy them better than they, but I do say, most emphatically, that I appreciate them far better than if I had not gone through what I have.”

After taking leave of his friends and the scenes dear to his heart, young Pietro, then thirteen years of age, in company with his father, trudged his weary way to the historic port of Genoa, from which city they were to set sail for America—the land of promise—March 6, 1849. He says in his writings: “In sixty days from the time we sailed, we reached New York city. There were about one hundred passengers on that little ship. We were packed below like criminals and our situation, especially during the prevalence of sea-sickness, can be better imagined than described. When I arrived in New York I could not understand a solitary word of the English language, had no trade and could not read or write my own name in any language. What to do was the question. Father was advised to start me out with an organ and accordingly he rented one. I shouldered it and went to that part of the city then called ‘Five Points.’ I rested the organ on a cane and proceeded to turn the crank. I gathered a few pennies but soon found the organ too heavy and that I could not carry it. It was different from those we occasionally see on our streets. It had a top to it in which were figures that danced to the tunes played. It was an impractical venture, so father had to return it to the owner. I have mentioned this to some kind friends and it got to the ears of some democratic editors, and when they became displeased with me they called me the ‘organ grinder.’ I am guilty, and the worst of it is, I did not make a success of it. I gave them the best tunes that the internal machinery of the box and diligent turning of the crank would afford, took such pennies—and they were few—as passers-by saw fit to give me. If I had been three or four years older I think I would have made it go. I would have added a monkey to the business after a while. I had the will but not the strength so I made a failure of it. And I tell you I was discouraged and homesick.”

From New York young Pietro went to Philadelphia, having been told by newly-made acquaintances that there were opportunities there, and secured work on a farm in Milford, Delaware, receiving three dollars per month and board. In about two years, on account of sickness, his father was compelled to return to Italy, expecting Pietro to follow, but the latter had begun to master the difficulties of the English language and decided to remain in America. For the next four years he drifted from farm to farm in the vicinity of Philadelphia. In

1852, while working on the farm of Mr. Starn near Camden, New Jersey, he was urged by his friends and fellow laborers to go to school and learn to read and write. To quote Mr. Cuneo:

“Mr. Starn told me that if I wanted to go to school he would board me for what work I could do about the farm night and morning, or if I wanted to work steadily he would give me three dollars per month. I accepted the latter offer and promised to try to learn at home in the evenings. The teacher was boarding in the family of Mr. Starn and offered to teach me; so I purchased a spelling book and tried a few evenings, but soon became utterly discouraged and gave the book to a little daughter of Samuel Ross.”

One laborer on the farm, a negro, had a theory all his own with respect to education. Observing that young Pietro had given up his studies and not content that he should lose the opportunities of youth, on his own initiative he made arrangements with a farmer residing in another part of the county for Pietro to work night and morning and attend the district school during its sessions. This plan the kindly disposed negro announced to Pietro and insisted on his acquiescence. After considerable thought on the subject Pietro decided to give the plan a trial and at the age of seventeen he again made an attempt at the mastery of the rudiments of an education and took his first lesson in learning the alphabet with little scholars six and seven years of age. He wrote: “I tried hard to learn and the teacher and pupils took particular pains to assist me. The teacher, William Snowden—I think was his name—and the pupils were very kind to me. He became interested in my welfare and soon after I began the term he invited me to stand by his side one noon while he was eating dinner and spell words in the book, which he helped me to pronounce. The next day I did not go up. The third day he invited me again. I went up and he asked me why I did not come up the day before. I told him that I did not know that he wanted me to do so. He then explained that he was willing to hear me every noon. I was only too glad to accept. So, after that, every noon for the balance of the winter I stood by his side and spelled a lesson while he was eating his dinner. It was no trouble to him but a great favor to me. He was one of God’s noblest men. On taking leave of school I asked my teacher to sell me a copy of ‘Swann’s Instructive Reader’ of

which he had several second-hand copies. 'Why,' said he, 'What do you want with it? You can't read it.' 'Well,' said I, 'I will keep it till I can.' He said I could have a copy for twelve and a half cents. I took him up and honored my promise, as I kept the book, read it and have it yet. I was determined to make a useful man of myself, if possible, and decided to work hard during the spring, summer and fall of each year and attend school during the winter months till I arrived at the age of twenty-one. I had heard good reports of Pennsylvania and in the fall came to Coatsville, Chester county, of that state.

"During the next two winters I began to study arithmetic and geography. After a while I came to a map of the 'United States' and the question in my mind was, What does that mean? I knew I was in America but I could not understand what the words 'United' and 'States' meant, and I am free to confess I never thoroughly understood their meaning till after I studied Young's Science of Government, De Tocqueville's American Institutions, the History of the American Colonies and the War of American Independence. One great obstacle in the way of my progress was the fact that I did not comprehend the meaning of so many words. In studying arithmetic I labored under peculiar difficulties, as I could not understand the rules. Well, I purchased a small pocket dictionary but here I met with new and unexpected difficulties, for when I resorted to it I was as much at a loss to understand the definitions as the words themselves. When I read a book or paper I found so many strange words that I could hardly get any sense of the subject. I finally resorted to this practice; when I found strange words I wrote them on a strip of paper and, after I was through reading, would examine the dictionary and write the definition opposite the word. I carried the paper in my pocket. When at my work, I would reflect over what I had read and if I could not remember the words or their meanings I would pull the slip from my pocket and read it. To learn to pronounce the words was another great task and one which I never expected to master."

In September, 1856, Mr. Cuneo came to Canton, Ohio, where he worked in the shops of Aultman & Company, carrying lumber and doing other manual labor at seventy-seven cents a day. He worked for this firm for the next nine years, except during certain intervals when he worked on a farm for his

board while attending school. It was while employed by this firm that Mr. Cuneo relates the following experience: "During the several years I worked in the machine shops I carried books in my pocket and when I arrived at the shops a few minutes before the time to commence work I would seize the books and study them. Sometimes when deeply absorbed over those books some of the shop fellows would throw iron turnings on me, which would come down like vigorous hail, but when I looked to learn who threw them, no one was to be seen—that is, the guilty fellow was not visible. It was very annoying and unkind to me, but great fun for the boys. When working on the farm I kept a book in the barn and while the horses ate I read. Thus I gathered a little here and a little there which has been a great help to me." He gradually mastered, with great difficulty, one after another of the different branches taught in the public schools until he received notice of his promotion to the high school. From time to time he purchased standard books until he had the nucleus of a library, and in the fall of 1858 taught in a school where he had formerly been a pupil. Through reading the *Life and Essays of Benjamin Franklin* he was stimulated with a desire to become a newspaper editor and entered the office of the *Stark County Republican* as a printer's "devil" at the age of twenty-two. About five months later his parents arrived in Canton and as he could render them and his sisters no assistance while an apprentice in a printing office he was obliged to return to work in the shops of Aultman & Company. In the fall of 1865, still ambitious to become an editor, he purchased with his savings a half interest in the *Medina Gazette*. In September, 1866, he sold out his interest and purchased the *Wyandot Pioneer*, of Upper Sandusky. He changed its name to the *Wyandot County Republican* in 1869. Handicapped by inexperience and crude mechanical equipment and the fact that the paper had been a questionable success from its origin, the young editor had a great struggle at first. He wrote years later when he celebrated the paper's fortieth anniversary: "I purchased the *Pioneer* of the late General W. T. Wilson, September 17, 1866, and issued the first paper September 20, 1866. The equipment of the plant then consisted of an old hand press (which was broken and poorly held together by bolts), a job press (which had not even an attachment to pull the paper off the type after the impression had been made),

a fair supply of type for the paper and a very poor supply of display type. With such an equipment, a previous experience of five months as an apprentice, seven months as an editor and half-proprietor I began my humble career in journalism in this intensely democratic community. I knew that the income of the office would not justify paying cash for my help, especially in the face of threats from local democratic leaders that they would soon starve me out, so I boarded my help."

Mr. Cuneo was not starved out, however, but continued to publish with marked success the Wyandot County Republican, increasing its circulation, gradually bettering the publication and adding to the mechanical equipment. It was continued solely as a weekly publication until March, 1902, when a daily was started in conjunction with the weekly. In 1903 the Wyandot Union, a long established publication, was purchased and merged with the Republican when the publication became known as the Wyandot Union-Republican. Mr. Cuneo continued editor and proprietor of this publication to the time of his death, when it passed to his four sons.

Mr. Cuneo took an active interest in politics, both local, state and national, attended many conventions and made the acquaintance of many men of note, numbering among his personal and intimate acquaintances many famous and eminent men in national life. Mr. Cuneo was a warm personal friend of General U. S. Grant, and was appointed postmaster by him, serving from May 10, 1869, until July, 1877. During his residence in Canton Mr. Cuneo made the acquaintance of William McKinley, when the latter was but a youth and while there he married Miss Almyra Miller, a relative of the late president. The friendship between Mr. Cuneo and Mr. McKinley continued throughout the life of the latter. In July, 1901, President McKinley honored Mr. Cuneo with an appointment as consul to the city of Turin, in the province of Piedmont, Italy. Mr. Cuneo left for his post of duty in August of the same year and served the government in that capacity until December 25, 1905, when he resigned because of fast failing health. His appointment and service in his native land was a fitting and logical culmination of an illustrious and remarkable career. Returned by the government of the land of his adoption in an influential capacity to a city within eighty miles of his birthplace, which he had left fifty-two years before so poor that while awaiting embarkation he

passed the night on the cobblestones of the streets, too poor to buy a bed, is a record indeed and one that should prove an inspiration to the young man who thinks there are no longer opportunities. Mr. Cuneo served his country with honor and credit. He made many friends during his stay in Turin, also traveled to a considerable extent in the land of his birth. In consequence of his years of newspaper experience he was a close observer and student and wrote for publication in his newspaper many articles describing general conditions and events of interest in Italy for the edification and delectation of his readers. While in Turin he made a journey to the place of his birth. All was practically as he had left it years before, with few exceptions. The beautiful, olive-clad hills, the picturesque peasantry, even the old house itself was looking as fresh and as little changed, even to the interior furnishings and arrangements, as though the farewell had been said but yesterday. Mr. Cuneo found many of kin who claimed to be "parenti di prima sangue," and found a few who could remember the departure of himself and his father years before. After his return home Mr. Cuneo remained active in newspaper work, conducting a department entitled "Ye Old Editor" until the time of his death, December 20, 1906, which occurred as the result of a stroke of apoplexy.

Mr. Cuneo was married December 24, 1861, to Miss Almyra V. Miller, of Canton, who passed away in Upper Sandusky, December 27, 1883. Ten children were born to this union of whom five are still living. They are: Laura, the wife of A. F. Miner of Austin, Illinois; Sherman A., of this city; Edward Noyes, of Alameda, California; Eva, the wife of N. L. Harmon, of Homer, Louisiana; and Roscoe Conklin, also of this city. On July 28, 1887, Mr. Cuneo was again married, wedding Mrs. Minnie Martin of Magnetic Springs, Union county, who, with a son, Ray, born to this union, survive. Also surviving at this writing are: Mrs. John Foppiano, a sister, living in Indianapolis, Indiana; and John Cuneo, a brother, of Robey, Indiana.

Mr. Cuneo was always active in the interests of the city which was the scene of his efforts and activities for so many years. All movements which had as their object the betterment of conditions and the making of life more worth the living received his cordial support. Always in his writings he endeavored to instruct, educate, elevate and inspire. Especially were his efforts in this direction in the interests of

youth—to encourage them to improve their opportunities and to strive for the accomplishment of the greatest possible good. Especially interesting were a series of lectures which he wrote, published and delivered in many places on many occasions, entitled “Recollections of Peasant Life in Italy.” Having lived the life and known it from actual, intimate experience, he was able to describe the lot of the unfortunate and oppressed with rare and marvelous accuracy and to draw therefrom a great lesson. As illustrative of the contrast of American life and American opportunities we quote the conclusion of these lectures: “True, indeed, that ‘Westward the star of empire takes its way,’ and equally true that the heart of the honest, ambitious American lad looks upward and onward, in the direction of an honorable career, which is within the reach of every boy gifted with common sense, integrity, grit and laudable ambition.”

Mr. Cuneo brings to an end his autobiography as follows: “In conclusion and in all candor allow me to assure you, dear reader, that I see nothing in the story of my humble experience to boast about. Indeed, I have never thought of and have no intentions of applying for a patent for anything recorded above. I claim no merits for myself, have done nothing that no ordinary boy may not so do. Every boy born in this country has at once the advantage of learning our language from his mother’s lips and entering the school door at the age of six years. I had a harder struggle to learn, what little I know of the English language than most of our boys have in acquiring a practical common-school education. In fact, with me, progress in the way of acquiring knowledge and property has always seemed slow, hard work, uphill. But there is a pleasure in diligent study, persistent industry and practical management. I wish I could impress upon the minds of my young readers that we are most happy when we are busy, engaged in accomplishing something useful. The writing of this long article has been a pleasing task to me. But may I not hope that the perusal of this simple narration of facts will cheer the heart of some lads who are depressed and whose future seems gloomy, as mine did? Oh, no, I shall not boast, for the long weary years, the heartaches and gloomy future of my boyhood and young manhood are far more vividly impressed on my mind and heart than any joy I ever experienced. No, I claim no merits for myself but attrib-

ute what little success may have attended my efforts to the free, common schools of our glorious country and have thus briefly related my experience, since arriving in America, for the purpose of demonstrating to our young men that they are surrounded by golden opportunities which, if properly improved, will enable them in due time to reap a pleasurable harvest. I close with words and sentiments that I penned a little over eighteen years ago and which are as warm in my heart now as they were then: 'The gratitude I bear toward those who urged me to go to school and gave me an opportunity to do so; to the teachers and this benign government, which opened the school room doors to me, shall only fade away when my heart beats no more. God grant that this, my adopted country, this beloved land, this paradise for men on earth, this asylum for the oppressed of all countries, this Union of States and of hearts, may be as lasting and indestructible as time.' "

ROBERT MCBETH, JR.

Robert McBeth, Jr., a prosperous and progressive agriculturist of Wyandot county, was born May 13, 1871, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth McBeth, the former born January 1, 1831. In the acquirement of an education he attended country school in Salem township and since laying aside his books has been engaged in farming, his progressive methods and practical business judgment bringing him rapid success. His land is highly improved, being not only provided with an excellent residence but also with barns, outbuildings, machinery and all conveniences which are used in farming by modern methods. He engages in general agricultural pursuits and is likewise extensively interested in stock-raising, breeding and fattening Hereford cattle, Delano sheep and Poland China hogs, his stock commanding a ready sale upon the local market.

Mr. McBeth married, in Upper Sandusky, June 15, 1904, Miss Grace E. Warner, a daughter of Jacob and Jennie H. Warner, and both are widely known throughout this community as people of sterling and upright characters. Fraternally Mr. McBeth is identified with the Knights of Pythias, while



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his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. He is well known throughout the county and his straightforwardness and enterprising spirit have gained him the respect of the entire community.

HARRY EDWIN DWIRE, M. D.

While the science of medicine is one of the oldest professions, enjoying great prestige from time immemorial, it is assuredly one of the noblest of occupations in its endeavor to help suffering humanity and allay illness and disease. Undoubtedly it has become the most important in its relations to our existence. One who in his professional duties exemplifies its noble character and who gives his best endeavors in an effort to help his fellowmen is Dr. Harry Edwin Dwire, of Nevada, Wyandot county, in which city he has now been located for over ten years. As the years have passed he has securely established himself in the confidence of the people and his practice has grown in volume, in conformity with his ability. From a medical as well as a financial point of view he is to be considered one of the foremost men in his community and the high reputation which he enjoys with his fellow practitioners as well as the general public is highly merited.

Born on May 13, 1870, in Reed township, Seneca county, Ohio, he is a son of John S. and Lucy A. (Beard) Dwire, the former born in the same township and county on December 5, 1839, where he followed agricultural pursuits and also was active as a school teacher, and the latter also born in that locality, where she passed away in 1898. Her husband shortly followed her, his death occurring February 5, 1899. In their family were the following children: Lumetta B., who married William G. Setterfield, a farmer of Richland county, Ohio, by whom she has eight children; Edith D., who died in 1893; Harry Edwin; Emory J., who married Grace Champion, by whom he has two children, Corliss and Reginald, and who is teaching school at Valley City, Ohio; and Daisy Pearl, who died at the age of eighteen months.

In the acquirement of his fundamental education, Dr. Dwire attended the common school near his home, subse-

quently graduating from the Marion (Ohio) Normal School in 1890. He then took a course at the Ohio Wesleyan University, which was followed by attendance at the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he received his more specifically professional training. He graduated from the Georgia College of Eclectic Medicine and Surgery in 1895 with the degree of M. D. Even this thorough education did not suffice him, however, and he subsequently engaged in post-graduate work in Chicago. Dr. Dwire began in the active practice of the profession at Tiro, Ohio, there remaining for two years. At the end of that time he located at Galion, where he successfully practiced for a similar period, then removing to Oceola, where he continued for three and a half years with unabating success. At the end of that time, in 1902, he left Crawford county in order to establish himself in Nevada, Wyandot county. Capable, earnest and conscientious in the performance of his duties, he had soon established a reputation which brought him an extensive and representative patronage that has ever been on the increase. He keeps continually in contact with the progress made in the profession and gives especial attention to X-ray observation, in which line he has become an expert. As a member of the Ohio Medical Society, the Northwestern Medical Society and the American Medical Association, as well as the Ohio Clinical Society, he keeps in touch with the eminent men of his profession and in exchanging with them his views upon important medical problems and questions ever promotes his efficiency and wide knowledge. Careful in diagnosis, he is firm after reaching a decision and as he seldom fails to recognize the cause of disease in any form and knows how to trace it to its source, has succeeded in bringing many back to health and allaying pain and suffering in those who consult him. However, a most important factor in his success is his strong love for humanity and fellow feeling, which he brings to his work and which inspires in his patients that confidence which instills in them the desire to get well—a mental attitude which is today recognized by every physician as a necessity to a complete cure.

On August 5, 1895, at North Robinson, Ohio, Dr. Dwire was united in marriage to Miss Grace Smith, a daughter of H. F. and Harriet (Slaughterbeck) Smith, the former of whom for many years engaged as farmer and merchant at North Robinson. Dr. and Mrs. Dwire have four daughters:

Lucile, Isabelle, Jeannette and Virginia. Dr. and Mrs. Dwire are devoted members of the Methodist church.

Although his professional duties are of such exacting character that they demand most of his time and attention, Dr. Dwire interests himself in other matters pertaining to the public welfare and has actively participated in the political life of his community, having served for four years as councilman, doing efficient service during that period in promoting measures which have proven of distinct value to the city. He also fosters the cause of education whenever an opportunity presents itself to better the school system of the city and for six years has efficiently served as president of the school board. His service as health officer of the city comprises a period of five years—five years which have been filled with important work undertaken by the Doctor in order to improve sanitary conditions and prevent contagious diseases. He gives his support to the republican party, staunchly upholding its men and principles, and has a comprehensive understanding of the party's ideals and purposes, keeping well informed upon all public issues that affect the nation. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. The handsome family residence, where Dr. and Mrs. Dwire often entertain a charming circle of friends, and his office building in Nevada, are both owned by him and he has other interests which give evidence of his prosperity, having become one of the substantial men of the city, where he is highly esteemed and regarded by all who know him on account of his manly qualities of character, the faithful performance of his duties and his true American, public-spirited citizenship.

JOHN E. PARKER.

In a history of the business development of Harpster mention should be made of John E. Parker, well known in the town as a successful general merchant. He was born in Pitt township, April 8, 1866, a son of William Parker, a native of England. The latter was born in 1839 and when eighteen years of age came to America, settling in Pitt township, Wyandot county, where he engaged in farming for a number of years.

He was afterward the proprietor of a large grocery and general store in Harpster and his connection with this enterprise continued until his death, which occurred December 11, 1911. The mother has also passed away, her death having occurred when the subject of this review was four days old. In their family were three children, William, Mary and John E., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the public schools of Newton county, Missouri, whither he was sent when still a child to make his home with his uncle and aunt. He laid aside his books at the age of nineteen and then began his independent career, returning to Pitt township, where he worked upon a farm for several years. He operated this property in the interest of his father but after the latter opened his general store in Harpster he became associated in its conduct, their partnership continuing until the death of William Parker in 1911, since which time Mr. Parker, of this review, has managed the business alone. He has a well equipped store, with a stock valued at seven hundred dollars, and his interests are carefully conducted, his previous experience well qualifying him for the duties which devolve upon him.

Mr. Parker gives his allegiance to the republican party and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist church. His business interests are well controlled and his laudable ambition is leading him into important trade relations.

EDWIN F. STEPHAN.

Under the name of the Stephan Lumber Company, Edwin F. Stephan is conducting a business of extensive proportions. He may well be called a self-made man and he deserves all the praise which the term implies, for he started out in the world to earn his own living when a lad of fourteen. Gradually he has advanced, as he has proven his worth, and since 1898 he has figured prominently as a representative of the lumber trade of this city. He was born in Upper Sandusky, November 20, 1869, his parents being Conrad and Catherine (Fink) Stephan, who are now residents of Upper Sandusky. The father was born in Germany in 1835 and is a blacksmith



EDWIN F. STEPHAN

by trade. For many years he remained an active factor in business circles here but retired in 1900 and is now enjoying a well earned and well merited rest. His wife was born in 1841 on a farm about three miles south of Kirby, this county. Their living children are John, Edwin F., George, Emma and Luella, while Henry, Charles and Lulu are deceased.

At the usual age Edwin F. Stephan entered the public schools of Upper Sandusky and therein pursued his studies to the age of fourteen years, when he began earning his own living by clerking in a grocery store at a salary of a dollar and a half per week. He remained in that establishment for four years, his capability and trustworthiness winning a substantial increase in salary. He afterward served as deputy postmaster for two years and spent four years in a clerical position in connection with the lumber business. During that period he carefully saved his earnings until his economy and industry had brought him a sufficient sum to embark in business on his own account in partnership with his brother John. They opened a restaurant which they conducted for two years and then sold. The following year, after a three months' tour in Europe, Edwin F. Stephan became teller in the Commercial Bank and in 1898 he formed a partnership with Charles F. Shealy and under the firm name of Shealy & Stephan engaged in the lumber business and bought the sash and door factory then owned and conducted by the John Shealy estate. He soon mastered the details of the business and became an important factor in its successful management. The partnership was maintained until 1911, when Mr. Stephan purchased Mr. Shealy's interest and now conducts the business alone under the firm name of the Stephan Lumber Company. He has a well equipped sash and door factory and an extensive lumberyard, which supplies the demand of a trade that has reached gratifying proportions. In the management of his interests he displays excellent executive force and administrative ability and he is notably energetic, prompt and far-seeing.

On the 24th of October, 1907, Mr. Stephan was married in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, to Miss Bertha Althouse, a daughter of Samuel and Sophia (Kuenzli) Althouse, the former one of the early settlers of Wyandot county, now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan are the parents of one son, Paul Samuel, and one daughter, Helen Louise. Mr. Stephan holds

membership in the Evangelical church and he seeks to promote the interests and welfare of the city as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. His business methods neither seek nor require disguise, for early in his life he recognized the eternal truth that industry wins and industry became the beacon light of his life, constituting the source of his gratifying and enviable success.

JAMES A. JUVENAL.

James A. Juvenal, deceased, spent his entire life within the borders of Wyandot county and throughout his active business career was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits. His birth occurred in Upper Sandusky on the 24th of November, 1853, his parents being Jacob and Emily (Robbins) Juvenal, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born in Ross county on the 29th of January, 1823, and the latter in Perry county in 1829. The father of Mrs. Emily (Robbins) Juvenal was the proprietor of the first store in Upper Sandusky. Jacob Juvenal spent his active business career in the pursuit of farming and was well known and highly esteemed as a pioneer agriculturist and substantial citizen. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, namely: Alice, James A., Charles D., Jacob H., Katherine, Hester and Martha.

James A. Juvenal acquired his education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky and after putting aside his textbooks became identified with general agricultural pursuits, which he followed throughout the remainder of his life, winning and maintaining an enviable reputation as a representative and prosperous citizen of the community. It was on the 14th of December, 1892, that he was called to his final rest, passing away in the faith of the Methodist church.

On the 7th of February, 1882, in Crane township, this county, Mr. Juvenal was united in marriage to Miss Jeanetta May Smith, who was born on the 16th of August, 1863, her parents being Joseph M. and Sallie May (Straw) Smith. The father, a native of Seneca county, Ohio, took up his abode among the pioneer settlers of Wyandot county and here

devoted the remainder of his life to farming and stock-raising, becoming a prominent and influential citizen of the community. His daughter, Jeanetta, was born in a log cabin built by an Indian, named Sarahas, and which remained the home of the family until she was eleven years of age. Joseph M. Smith alone cleared the hazel brush from more than four hundred acres of land, facing and conquering all the difficulties and hardships of life in a pioneer region and continuing to aid in its growth and upbuilding with untiring zeal and energy. His demise occurred in 1909, while his wife, who was born in the year 1839, passed away in 1910. Their children were as follows: William S., Jeanetta M., Anna V., Eunice E., David S., Mary C., Sallie M., Joseph M. and George R. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Juvenal were born two children, namely: Howard R., who is employed as an express messenger; and Helen I., who resides with her mother. The latter, who makes her home in Upper Sandusky, enjoys an extensive and favorable acquaintance in the county where her entire life has been spent, having won the friendship and regard of all with whom she has come in contact.

JOHN W. WYNKOOP.

Confronting and conquering the difficulties and obstacles in his path, John W. Wynkoop, of Nevada, has made his way in the world to one of the foremost positions in his community, where he now conducts one of the largest general merchandise establishments. He is highly thought of by all who know him and well merits the success which he has achieved by his own efforts and through his energy and ability. Born in Putnam county, Ohio, May 30, 1848, he is a son of Isaac and Margaret (Snyder) Wynkoop, natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in 1810 and the latter in 1814. The father was a carpenter and contractor and died in 1870. The mother, surviving him for twenty-one years, passed away in 1891. Their numerous family comprised the following children: William F., Martha J., Artalesia B., Sarah E., John W., Jerusha J., Mary M., Charles J., Viola, Isaac M. and Harley.

John W. Wynkoop was reared in Putnam county until thirteen years of age, there receiving his first lessons, and later entered the Republic Normal School at Republic, Ohio. He subsequently apprenticed himself to the painter's trade for a few years and by thrift and industry was enabled in 1877 to set himself up independently in the dry-goods business at Arcadia, Ohio, remaining in that place for two years. He then removed to West Independence, this state, successfully trading there for thirteen years, and then settled in Fostoria, which city he made his home for one year. At the end of that period, in 1895, he came to Nevada, engaging in the dry-goods business, and has been successful from the start. As careful of the interests of his community as of his own, he has become one of the most influential men not only of Nevada but of Wyandot county and is highly respected in business as well as social circles. He gives his attention to general merchandising, carrying in his establishment groceries as well as dry goods, his stock representing a value of about eight thousand dollars. His place of business is modernly equipped and he is particular in the selection of his employes, in order to give the public the best of service. The lines of goods he handles are always of the best and complete, so that he is enabled to fill practically every demand made by his patrons. His success must be ascribed to his natural ability, his close attention to business and his fair methods. As his means have multiplied Mr. Wynkoop has heavily invested in other representative concerns of his city and is today vice president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Nevada, Ohio. He also owns valuable real estate, including a business block and three residences in Nevada and vacant property in Fostoria. He has, moreover, gone forth to foreign fields for investments, holding stock in the Pan-American Rubber Company and the Santa Isabella Sugar Company, both of Mexico.

Mr. Wynkoop has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Sylvia Strong, of Republic, Ohio, the event occurring in 1872. After seven years of married happiness she passed away in 1879, and subsequently Mr. Wynkoop married Miss Emma G. Gibson, a daughter of John W. and Susan Gibson, of West Independence, Ohio, the marriage taking place on March 21, 1889, at Findlay, this state. Mr. Wynkoop is the father of the following children: Floyd J.

married Blanche Haspaslagh, of Bucyrus, Ohio, and is manager of his father's grocery store; they have one child, John C. The other children are Ralph L., Eunice F. and Allan G., all of whom live at home.

Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Wynkoop has always taken a deep interest in the cause of education and for six years has served as a member of the school board with resultant effect. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, and politically he is a republican. His fraternal connections are with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. Ever ready to lend a helping hand in promoting worthy public enterprises, he has become a forceful element in the advancement of his community and enjoys the high respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. Beginning in a humble position, he has made his way to the top of the ladder and there is none who grudges him his prosperity.

STEPHEN PIKE FOWLER.

Stephen Pike Fowler, one of the oldest residents in Wyandot county, being now eighty-six years of age and having spent practically his entire life in this state, has since 1900 been numbered among the retired citizens of Upper Sandusky. Throughout his active business career he was successfully engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, owning and cultivating a valuable tract of land in Pitt township. His birth occurred in Bradford county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of September, 1826, his parents being Stephen and Leefe (Stevens) Fowler. Dr. Stephen Fowler, the father, was born in Massachusetts in 1789 and his wife in Pennsylvania in 1799. Stephen Fowler was an agriculturist by occupation and also a physician, practicing medicine among the Indians for many years. It was in the year 1827 that he came to Ohio, settling in Marion county. His demise occurred in 1847, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1890. Their children were eight in number, as follows: Finley F., Olive S., Clark R., Betsy A., Stephen P., Scott M., Leefe and Sarah.

Stephen Pike Fowler began his education in a little log schoolhouse and continued his studies at Little Sandusky until eighteen years of age. Subsequently he assisted in the

work of the home farm in Pitt township until twenty-seven years of age, when the property was divided and he turned his attention to the further cultivation and improvement of the tract which fell to his share, continuing its operation until 1900. In connection with the production of cereals he devoted considerable attention to the raising of stock, winning a gratifying measure of success in both branches of his business. For the past thirteen years he has lived retired in Upper Sandusky, owning a handsome residence on South Main street.

Mr. Fowler was twice married, his first union being with Miss Martha Coon, and of this marriage were born four daughters: Corilla, who died in infancy, and Bertha A., Edna Florine and Emma L. On the 18th of December, 1878, at Springfield, Ohio, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Miss Frances Flago, a daughter of Charles and Mary Flago, of Urbana, this state. The father, whose birth occurred at Camden, New Jersey, in 1804, was a tailor by trade and passed away in the year 1857. The mother, whose natal year was 1817, died in 1898. Mrs. Stephen P. Fowler is the only surviving member of a family of seven children.

Politically, Mr. Fowler is a staunch democrat, believing firmly in the principles of that party. His religious faith is that of the Universalist church. He is still hale and hearty at the ripe old age of eighty-six years and is one of the most highly esteemed and respected citizens of the community in which practically his entire life has been spent and the growth and development of which he has witnessed and aided.

GEORGE W. ECKERT.

George W. Eckert is now living retired in Nevada, Wyandot county, Ohio, after a long and useful career, enjoying the substantial competence which he has acquired during his long connection with business affairs of the city. Moreover, he is entitled to distinction for the service he rendered to the republic in the Civil war, in which conflict he served for over four years, making a military record of great credit. He was born near Syracuse, New York, October 22, 1842, and is a son of Steven and Blandina (Smadies) Eckert. While a

resident of the Empire state the father engaged in the manufacture of poles which he sold to the boatmen on the Erie canal, but after coming to Ohio he followed agricultural pursuits in Wyandot county. He died in 1849, at the age of forty-seven years. His wife was born in Ulster county, New York, in 1809, and died in 1866. She and her husband came to Antrim township, Wyandot county, when George W. Eckert, our subject, was but an infant. In their family were twelve children; Nathaniel, George W., our subject; Maria, Eliza, Luther, Solomon, Jacob, Sarah and four who died in infancy.

George W. Eckert was educated in the district schools of Antrim township which he attended to the age of nine years, when the family moved to Syracuse, New York, where they, however, remained but one year, at the end of which period they returned to Nevada, Ohio, where he continued his education. He remained upon the home farm until the Civil war broke out, when his patriotic spirit led him to enlist in Company E, Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, also known as the First Ohio Zouaves, under Captain Shaw. He served one year in the ranks but when the band was organized became a member of it. He participated in thirty-six battles and Sheridan's famous ride, which was one of the many thrilling adventures of his army experience. After four years and one day of valorous service he was honorably discharged near Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1865. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which occupation he followed until 1874, when he entered the hotel, saloon and livery business in Kirby, Ohio, so continuing for one year. At the end of that period he came to Nevada, where for twenty years he conducted a saloon and then became connected with the farm implement and buggy business in Nevada, a relationship which continued for seven years. At the end of that time he was enabled to retire from active life and now lives in the enjoyment of a comfortable competence which assures him of all the conveniences of life. He owns three valuable business properties and the residence in which he lives and also holds title to vacant property in the city. He also is a stockholder in the Mausoleum Company of Nevada, Ohio.

At Bucyrus, Ohio, on February 26, 1865, Mr. Eckert was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Kieffer, a daughter of George and Sallie A. (Van Voorhies) Kieffer, of Todd town-

ship, Crawford county, the father a prominent agriculturist of his section. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert are the parents of seven children, Frank E., George Nathaniel, Monta Alvin, Erma, Sarah, Vida and Delta.

In his political views Mr. Eckert is a democrat, always staunchly upholding the principles of his party at the polls. Although he takes a deep interest in the spiritual and moral advancement of his community, he gives his allegiance to no particular church, exemplifying a Christian spirit through all of his connections without giving preference to any dogma. He meets his comrades of old through his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. Although he has practically retired from all active business he is still deeply interested in the progress of his community and champions all measures intended to further the general cause. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him for his many high qualities of character and since locating in Nevada has not only been an interested witness of the changes that have taken place but a helpful and cooperant factor in bringing about the prevailing prosperous conditions.

REV. JOHN R. FORRER.

Rev. John R. Forrer, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic church of Upper Sandusky, was born in Zuckenriet, Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland, on the 7th of February, 1868. He is a son of Gallus and Elizabetha (Renner) Forrer, the former an agriculturist in Zuckenriet, who passed away May 23, 1907, at the age of eighty-seven. His wife survives him and makes her home in Switzerland, having reached the age of eighty-two. In their family were six children: Gallus, Joseph, John, of this review; George, Francisca, who died twelve years ago, and Therese, who lives in Switzerland, where she is taking care of her aged mother.

Rev. John R. Forrer completed the classical course in the Collegium Maria Hilf in Schwyz, Switzerland, and afterward came to the United States, arriving in this country in 1887. He went immediately to Cleveland, Ohio, where he was for six years a student in St. Mary's Seminary, being ordained at the end of that time to the priesthood of the Catholic church.



Rev. John R. Torrey

This ceremony took place on the 23d of December, 1893, and was performed by the Rt. Rev. Ignatius Fredericus Horstman, D. D., bishop of Cleveland. Soon afterward Father Forrer was made assistant at St. Stephen's church in that city and continued there until June, 1898, when he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's church in London township, Seneca county, Ohio. On July 7, 1905, he was appointed pastor of St. Peter's church, Upper Sandusky, succeeding Rev. Aloysius Huthmacher, who was at that time transferred to the important charge of St. Mary's congregation in Massillon, Ohio. In Upper Sandusky Father Forrer has done excellent work during his eight years' connection with St. Peter's church, proving himself both an able business man and an earnest worker for the spread of the doctrines of Christianity. He has, indeed, accomplished something worthy of record among the Catholic people of the city and he has their love in large measure, while he enjoys also the respect of people of all denominations. He is a man of scholarly attainments, most earnest and concentrated in his work, and is very watchful over the interests of his people, his words of wisdom proving a strong element in their character building.

CLINTON D. SMITH.

Perhaps no one is better known throughout Crawford township as an active, successful and prosperous farmer than Clinton D. Smith, who since his childhood has lived in this section and who has today achieved a success which, combined with his many sterling characteristics, gives him a high position in the general confidence and esteem. He was born in Hancock county, Ohio, January 2, 1857, and is a son of a pioneer in the state. His father, David Smith, came west from Harpers Ferry, Virginia, in 1822, traveling with his parents, Jacob and Sarah (Long) Smith. The family settled in what was then a part of Crawford county, but which is now comprised in Wyandot, and here the father took up government land. His tract was entirely unimproved and covered with a dense growth of timber, which he was obliged to clear before beginning the work of develop-

ment. With the lumber cut down he built a crude log cabin and in this the family resided for some time while the farm was being developed. Later the father bought land in Hancock county and there lived until 1868, when he removed to the vicinity of Carey and engaged in stock dealing upon a large scale until his death, which occurred in 1884, when he was seventy-two years of age. His wife was, in her maidenhood, Miss Aurelia Brown, and passed away in 1886.

Clinton D. Smith acquired his early education in the district schools of Hancock county and supplemented this by a course in the Carey public schools, laying aside his books at the age of eighteen. He was ambitious, energetic and eager to begin his life's work, so his father allowed him to work the farm on shares. He was so successful that in 1884 he was able to purchase land of his own, upon which he has since resided. With characteristic energy he developed and improved the property and his labors are today evident in its excellent and attractive appearance. Mr. Smith has made substantial improvements, has built a fine residence, good barns and outbuildings and has steadily carried forward the work of development year by year. He annually harvests good crops and raises only blooded stock, his interest along this line constituting an important source of income to him.

In 1884 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Lillie Anderson, a daughter of Isaiah and Elizabeth Anderson, of Wyandot county. He gives his allegiance to the republican party and, although he is never active as an office seeker, has yet been entrusted with public responsibility, having served capably and efficiently for three years as township trustee. Through his own labor, enterprise and good management he has become the owner of a valuable property and is widely and favorably known in this part of the county where he has so long resided.

ROSS E. HAGERMAN.

As the owner of a modern and up-to-date drug store at Nevada, Ross E. Hagerman occupies an important position among the merchants of his community. He was born at Ada, Ohio, August 11, 1878, and is a son of Clark and Alice (Mel-

hory) Hagerman, the former a native of Hardin county, Ohio, born in 1846, and the latter, of Ada, this state, born in 1857. The father has followed the real-estate business for many years and now lives at Dunkirk, this state. In their family were three children, the sisters of our subject being Jessie and Hazel.

HORACE G. CHAMBERS.

Horace G. Chambers, who since 1895 has been successful in the practice of law in Carey, was born in Hancock county, Ohio, November 19, 1867. He is a son of David and Sarah A. (Sargent) Chambers, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Liberty township, Crawford county, December 24, 1833, and the latter in Hancock county in 1838. The father was for a number of years a prominent farmer in Hancock county, dying January 2, 1910. In his family were seven children. Nora E. married Solomon Esterly, a farmer of Hancock county, and has three children. David U. is engaged in farming in Hancock county. He married Miss Isadora Bright, and they have five children. Horace G. is the subject of this review. Della became the wife of Harvey E. Dickey, a contractor and builder of Findlay, Ohio. They have two children. Clinton A. is a farmer in Hancock county. He married Rose E. Lindower and has four children. Cory S. is also engaged in farming in Hancock county. His wife was, in her maidenhood, Miss Mary Hartle, and they have one child. Wesley is farming in Hancock county. He married Ethel Scarfoss and has one child.

The district schools of his native county afforded Horace G. Chambers his early educational opportunities and when he was seventeen years of age he entered the academy at Fostoria, from which he was graduated in 1888. He afterward attended the Adrian College at Adrian, Michigan, for one year and was then for two years a student in Wesleyan University at Delaware. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to teaching, an occupation in which he engaged for three years, or until he went to Findlay, where he studied law, passing his examination and winning admission to the bar in 1895. In the same year he opened an

office in Carey and has since continued in the active practice of his profession here. He is known as a strong and able lawyer, whose knowledge of legal principles is comprehensive and exact and whose application of points of law always correct and logical. His ability has drawn to him a large and representative clientele, connecting him with a great deal of important litigation.

On the 30th of October, 1901, Mr. Chambers married, in Carey, Catherine Zahn, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Zahn, the former a retired farmer living in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have one daughter, May C., and they reside in a comfortable and attractive home. Mr. Chambers is a member of the Wyandot County Bar Association and fraternally is connected with the Masonic lodge and chapter and the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and since 1900 has been three times mayor of Carey and for several terms a member of the town council. In both professional and public life he has made his influence felt as a force in progress and he is entitled to a foremost place among the representative citizens of this community.

V. V. POOL.

The career of V. V. Pool is again proof of the fact that this is the young man's age and the age of the young man's success. Although not yet twenty-eight years of age, he is the owner of a profitable garage and machine shop in Nevada, Ohio, which he has conducted with ever increasing success since 1910. He was born in Crane township, Wyandot county, June 25, 1885, and is a son of Frank M. and Jessie F. (Walton) Pool, the former born in Crane township, this county, in 1855, and the latter in Sycamore township in 1857. The father for many years followed farming and also was an efficient school teacher for twenty-six years, being very successful along that line. Both parents still live and make their home in Crane township. In their family were the following children: Minnie, who died at the age of three years; Winona, who married A. R. Stucky, a well driller and supply dealer at Bucyrus, Ohio, by whom she has three

children; Ira, on the old home farm; Virgil V., of this review; and Daisy and Lucille, both at home.

V. V. Pool was reared under the parental roof amid an environment conducive to the development of the highest qualities of manhood, early having instilled in his youthful consciousness lessons on the value of thrift, diligence and honesty. He attended district school in Crane township until he was nineteen years old, giving, however, during that time, his father assistance in farm work. He subsequently remained on the homestead until twenty-one years, at which age he began to work out by the month for one year and then rented a farm which he cultivated for a similar period. Coming to Nevada, he in 1910 there opened a garage and machine shop and has been ever since successful in its conduct. He is an expert on machinery and in gas and gasoline engine work.

Mr. Pool was twice married, his first union being with Miss Cyressia F. Larick and took place on March 24, 1909. The young wife died twenty-six days after her marriage, on April 18, 1909. He then married Miss Ethel L. Fox, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Fox, of Antrim township, the marriage taking place at Nevada on August 31, 1910. To this union is born one child, Bernadine.

In his political affiliations Mr. Pool is a republican and keeps well informed upon all issues that affect his community or the policies of the state and nation. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has demonstrated his ability along commercial lines and as owner of a flourishing business concern occupies an important position in the life of the community. Public-spirited and progressive, he takes part in all movements undertaken in the interests of the city and is ever ready to participate in the promotion of worthy public enterprises.

FREDERICK BERG.

Frederick Berg, the oldest druggist in Upper Sandusky, has here been engaged in business along this line for the past thirty-six years and since 1910 has conducted his enterprise under the firm name of F. Berg & Son. His birth

occurred in Mansfield, Ohio, on the 11th of February, 1851, his parents being Comrad and Rachel (Von Stein) Berg, natives of Germany. Their children were six in number, namely: Frederick, Katie, George, John, Margaret and Mary.

Frederick Berg attended the graded and high schools of his native town until fourteen years of age and remained on his father's farm in Salem township, Wyandot county, until 1873, assisting in the work of the fields. When a young man of twenty-two years he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered the employ of his uncle, George P. Von Stein, a dealer in men's furnishing goods, remaining in his service until 1877. In that year he came to Upper Sandusky and embarked in the drug business in partnership with John H. Von Stein, the relation being maintained with mutual pleasure and profit until 1910, when his son, Karl, purchased the interest of Mr. Von Stein. The business is now conducted under the name of F. Berg & Son and the stock of the concern, valued at seven thousand dollars, includes drugs, stationery, paints and wall paper. As above stated, Mr. Berg is the oldest druggist in Upper Sandusky and has always enjoyed an enviable patronage, owing to his attractive and well selected line of goods and his straightforward, reliable business dealings. In connection with his drug establishment he also operates a circulating library. He is likewise a stockholder in the Citizens Savings Bank and has long been numbered among the prosperous and representative residents of the community.

On the 18th of September, 1877, at the homestead of the bride, near Kirby, Ohio, Mr. Berg was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Ash, her father being John Ash, a pioneer agriculturist of Wyandot county. Mr. and Mrs. Berg have three children, namely: Clara, the wife of Peter Frank, Jr., who acts as county auditor of Wyandot county and by whom she has one child, Irene; Karl, who is engaged in the drug business in partnership with his father; and Arthur, deputy auditor of Wyandot county, who wedded Miss Adaline Sheck, and has one child, Dorothy.

In his political views Mr. Berg is a democrat and for sixteen years has acted as a member of the board of education, doing efficient and valuable service in this connection. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Mutual Aid Benefit Society of Upper Sandusky and the National Union, acting

as collector in the last named. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Paul's Lutheran church. He is known to all his friends and acquaintances as a man of generous impulses, of kindly spirit and genial disposition, while in commercial circles he is recognized as a first-class business man.

CHARLES CLIFFORD CARR.

Charles Clifford Carr, street commissioner of Carey, is a man to whom success has come as a result of earnest labor, close application and intelligently directed energy. He was born on his father's farm one mile north of Carey, in Crawford township, May 16, 1866, and is a son of Daniel and Sarah (Persinger) Carr, the former a native of Wayne county, Ohio, born September 25, 1824. The father moved to Wyandot county in 1833 and here carried on general farming until his death, which occurred in 1909. The mother of our subject has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1894.

Charles C. Carr acquired his education in the district schools of Crawford township and after laying aside his books engaged in business in Carey for some time. For twenty years he was in partnership with his brother, Walter, in the teaming business and in general contract work, in both of which occupations success attended their well directed efforts. Recently, however, he was elected street commissioner of Carey and is concentrating his attention upon the affairs of this office. He has decided views upon matters of civic improvement and so far has carried out his plans to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In 1897 Mr. Carr was united in marriage to Miss Idella Dipert, a daughter of John and Phoebe Dipert, of Carey. They have two daughters, Grace Lucile and Justine. Mrs. Carr belongs to the Evangelical church. Mr. Carr is a worthy representative of that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are centered upon those things which promote the most permanent good of the greatest number, and the scope of his influence has extended to many lines of municipal activity. His business

record also deserves commendation, for he has displayed great ability in achieving results and has at all times employed methods which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

PETER KRUPP.

Since 1894 Peter Krupp has lived upon a farm of one hundred and eighty-four acres on section 9, Crawford township, and by earnest and persistent work along practical agricultural lines has made it one of the best improved and most valuable properties in this part of the county and gained for himself a high place among representative agriculturists. He is a native son of this state, born in Seneca county, November 4, 1852, his parents being Anthony and Magdeline (Eisenbeisz) Krupp, natives of Germany. The father was born in 1827 and in 1833 was brought to America by his parents. His father, the grandfather of the subject of this review, Jacob Krupp, came to Seneca county in pioneer times and bought a tract of wild land covered with a dense growth of timber. With the lumber which he cut, he built a log cabin, in which he and his family resided for some time and in which the subject of this review was born. Later Jacob Krupp erected a modern brick house, which was completed in 1860, and for many years carried on agricultural pursuits upon his original property, which was afterward developed by the father of our subject, who died on the home farm in 1905, at the age of seventy-eight. He was successful as a general farmer and was also well known as one of the best veterinary surgeons in that part of the state and as an extensive dealer in high-grade horses. The mother of our subject came to America with her parents when she was one year old. She passed away in Seneca county in 1899.

Peter Krupp is one of a family of twelve children, five of whom are still living. His childhood was spent in Seneca county, where he attended the little log parochial school until he was fifteen years of age, after which he went to the district school in order to become proficient in the English language. When he laid aside his books he worked upon the home farm, remaining there until his marriage, which occurred when he



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was twenty-six years of age. At this time he bought, with the assistance of his father, a farm in Reed township, Seneca county, which by hard work he greatly improved, becoming, in the course of years, a successful and able agriculturist. In 1894 he purchased one hundred and eighty-four acres on section 9, Crawford township, Wyandot county, upon which he today resides. He found this property in poor condition and badly run down but since locating here has made substantial improvements, building a fine modern house and a large barn. In his farming operations he has constantly followed the most progressive and practical methods and his work is evidenced in the excellent condition of his property, which shows the care and skill of an able agriculturist.

In 1878 Mr. Krupp was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ruffing, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Ruffing, of Huron county. They have ten children: Charles, Leo, Clarence, Otto, Sullivan, Paul and Elizabeth, twins; Vincent, Esther and Loretta. Mr. Krupp is independent in his political views, with a general tendency toward democracy, but he votes always for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position without regard to his party affiliations. He is a devout Roman Catholic, giving liberally to charity and exemplifying in his upright and honorable life the doctrines which he professes. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens, who lead quiet, industrious, earnest and useful lives and constitute the best portion of any community.

JAMES H. GROVE.

Long prominent in educational work, James H. Grove now fills the position of superintendent of schools at Nevada, Ohio, discharging his duties with ability and lasting results. The splendid esprit de corps which prevails among the teachers under his jurisdiction has been fostered by him, practical systems have been introduced and ideas have been realized which have made the force of teachers under him one of the best in the state. His work, therefore, has been of vast importance to the inhabitants of Wyandot county, as largely by his guidance are molded the views and principles of the coming generation. Mr. Grove is a son of Harrison and

Lydia (Spenny) Grove and was born in Antrim township, this county, February 6, 1876. The father, a native of Perry county, followed agricultural pursuits and died about thirty-four years ago at the age of forty-one. The mother was born in the same county as her husband about seventy years ago and still lives in Nevada. After the death of Mr. Grove she married Captain I. Bacon, a farmer, who passed away January 24, 1913. By her first husband there were born the following children: J. E., Emma, Aaron A., deceased, Borsey L., James H., our subject, and William H. By her marriage to Captain Bacon there was one child, Carl.

James H. Grove attended the country school in his native district and the Nevada public schools, graduating from the high school in 1897. His more thorough education which especially prepared him for his educational work was received at Wooster and Ada Universities. He began his career as a teacher by work in the country schools, in which he was engaged for three years before accepting the office of principal of the Nevada high school, in which position he remained with conspicuous success for five years, when he was elected to the office of superintendent, which he has now filled for seven years. During that time he has demonstrated brilliant ability as a teacher, an executive ability of no mean order and a general understanding of business principles in promoting the cause of education. His work finds only the highest commendation and is greatly appreciated by the general public.

At Nevada, Ohio, on June 25, 1907, Mr. Grove married Miss Acsah Humiston, a daughter of Alva and Ellen (Squires) Humiston, and they have two children, Ruth and Martha. Mr. Grove is president of the county board of school examiners and in that capacity has done much toward raising the standards demanded from those who intend to engage in the teacher's profession. He is a democrat in his political views, staunchly upholding the candidates of his party and fulfilling his obligations as a citizen painstakingly, although he has never cared to actively participate in the political fray. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. Prominent in fraternal circles, he belongs to the Masonic order and is also keeper of the record and seal in the Knights of Pythias. He takes a deep interest in literary work, in which he is actively engaged to some extent,

and owns valuable residential property. His life course is worthy of the highest praise, as he gives his unremitting efforts to the highest interest of the general public without consideration of financial reward, as, doubtless, a man of his ability could achieve more gratifying results from a financial standpoint in commercial life. However, Mr. Grove never gives any consideration to this thought, for he finds happiness and rich reward in what he can do as a teacher of the young to promote the public welfare.

CLARENCE G. ROBERTS.

Clarence G. Roberts, successfully engaged in merchandising at Little Sandusky as the proprietor of a general store, is a progressive and enterprising young business man of the town and a worthy native son of Wyandot county. His birth occurred in Tymochtee township on the 20th of August, 1886, his parents being Benjamin F. and Catherine (Althouse) Roberts, who are likewise natives of this county, the former born in Tymochtee township in 1857 and the latter in Eden township in 1858. Benjamin F. Roberts, an agriculturist by occupation, now makes his home in Pitt township and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a substantial and representative citizen. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: Clarence G., of this review; Gertrude; Edna; Nina; and one who died in infancy.

In the acquirement of his education Clarence G. Roberts attended the schools of Little Sandusky until eighteen years of age and subsequently worked at the carpenter's trade for one year, becoming at the end of that time a street car motorman in Toledo, Ohio. He next worked as a machinist for one year and then returned to his father's farm, remaining thereon until 1913. In that year he purchased the general store of Edward C. Richmond at Little Sandusky and has since conducted the same with gratifying success, carrying a large and well selected line of goods and being accorded a liberal patronage.

On the 27th of March, 1907, at Harpster, Ohio, Mr. Roberts was united in marriage to Miss Maud Weist, her father being John Weist, a farmer of Pitt township. Our subject

and his wife have two children, Katherine and Helen. Mr. Roberts gives his political allegiance to the democracy and fraternally is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His many good qualities, his social manner, his genial disposition and his cordiality have won him a large circle of friends.

CHARLES A. ROBBINS.

A young man of but twenty-four years, Charles A. Robbins holds the important position of manager of the gas company at Nevada, Ohio, giving thereby an able demonstration of his ability along commercial lines and of his capacity for systematic and efficient work. Since he has been in charge of the company complaints have decreased in a gratifying way and the service has improved to such an extent that his work can be considered of a generally beneficial character.

Charles A. Robbins was born in Hastings, Adams county, Nebraska, on April 28, 1889, and is a son of John and Binda (Ball) Robbins, the former born at Forest City, Missouri, in 1859, and the latter in Hamilton, Canada, in 1861. The father is a well driller by occupation and makes his home in St. Joseph, Missouri, where he is favorably known. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins are the following children: Myrtle M., who married John Smith, of St. Joseph, Missouri; Losy E.; Judson A., who is married and now resides at Bakersfield, California; Charles A., of this review, and Howard A.

In the acquirement of his education Charles A. Robbins attended public school at St. Joseph, Missouri, until he was seventeen years of age and has since that time been ever connected with the gas and oil business, being variously employed in different places from Cuba through old Mexico to California. He is now manager and district agent of the Nevada branch of the Ventura Gas Company of Lima. He has been most successful in his work, his ability being largely built upon his former extensive experience, and he is a practical man in the gas business. His efficient methods are highly commendable and find appreciation by the general public and

he has instituted a number of new measures and systems which have been instrumental in improving the service.

In his political views Mr. Robbins is a democrat, staunchly upholding the principles and candidates of that organization. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church. He is connected with the Knights of Pythias and is also a member of the Masonic order, exemplifying in his life the benevolent practices of the order. Mr. Robbins is a shrewd and able young man, a man typical of the times, and has made a conspicuous step toward a prominent place in life. He is popular in Nevada, where he has made many friends and is considered by old and young one of the efficient and coming young business men of the community.

WILLIAM H. RIESER.

William H. Rieser, who is successfully engaged in the conduct of a meat market as a member of the firm of Strasson, Rieser & Fink of Upper Sandusky, is a worthy native son of Wyandot county, having been born in Mifflin township on the 17th of July, 1883. His parents were William H. and Mary (Schick) Rieser, the former born in Wyandot county, Ohio, in 1838, and the latter in Virginia in the year 1857. William H. Rieser, Sr., followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and passed away in 1895. His widow survives and makes her home at Upper Sandusky. Their children were seven in number; as follows: John, who passed away at the age of nine years; Charles, who wedded Miss Marjorie Seebach, and is a hide buyer residing at Upper Sandusky; George, who died when twelve years old; Lena, who gave her hand in marriage to Henry Ulrich, an agriculturist of Mifflin township, by whom she has three children, Nina, Earl and Emery; Lizzie, who is the wife of William Zahn, a salesman of Upper Sandusky, by whom she has four children, William, Charles, Mildred and Robert; Julia, the wife of M. McCleary, an agriculturist of Mifflin township, by whom she has one son, Charles; and William H., of this review.

The last named attended the district schools of his native township until sixteen years of age and afterward worked as

a farm hand until he had attained the age of twenty-five. He subsequently spent four years as a breeder of horses and on the expiration of that period came to Upper Sandusky and entered the meat business in partnership with his brother Charles. The latter disposed of his interest in 1912 and our subject is now engaged in business in association with T. D. Strasson and W. W. Fink under the firm name of Strasson, Rieser & Fink. He has attained a gratifying measure of success for one of his years and is widely recognized as one of the enterprising and prosperous young business men of the community. He is the owner of valuable race horses, including Lady Ashland, with a record of 2:08, McLan, 2:15, and Judge H. C. Fox.

Mr. Rieser has been twice married. On the 4th of November, 1904, he wedded Miss Laura Swartz, who passed away in 1907, leaving two children, Clara and Floyd. On the 22d of August, 1908, in Gallia county, Ohio, he was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Della Poindexter, a widow with one son, Carl. By this marriage there are also two children, Ray and Grace.

In politics Mr. Rieser is a democrat, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Paul's Lutheran church. Fraternally he is identified with the Red Men and the Maccabees. In the county where his entire life has been spent he is widely and favorably known, the circle of his friends being almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

HERBERT NEWHARD.

Herbert Newhard, who for the past sixteen years has been postmaster of Carey, proving efficient, conscientious and capable in the discharge of his duties, is a native of Ohio, born in Upper Sandusky, March 31, 1865. He is a son of Jacob Newhard, who was born in Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, becoming subsequently one of the leading clothing merchants of Carey. He conducted a large and profitable retail establishment in this city until his death, which occurred June 2, 1895. By his honorable and upright life he had gained the respect and esteem of his fellow citi-

zens and he was, moreover, honored as a veteran of the Civil war, having served as second lieutenant in Company F, One Hundred and First Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He received his honorable discharge from that regiment December 23, 1862, on account of disability. He was twice married. He wedded, first, Matilda Bixby, who was born in Champlain, New York, in 1833, and who died in 1876. To their union were born six children: Carrie; one who died in infancy; Jay P., a merchant in Carey, who married Miss Allie Shuman, by whom he has three children; Grove F., a director in the Ely & Walker Dry Goods Company of St. Louis; Herbert, of this review; and Winfield J., a clothing merchant in Carey, who married Dellie Heffleman, by whom he has three children. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Newhard married her cousin, Miss Mary R. Bixby, who survives her husband, making her home in Carey. They were the parents of five children: Mabel, who lives in Virginia, Minnesota; Robert; Persis, who is engaged in teaching in Blissfield, Michigan; Horace B., who is assistant manager and head of the hosiery department in the store conducted by Ely & Walker in St. Louis; and George J., bookkeeper for the National Lime & Stone Company at Carey.

Herbert Newhard acquired his education in the public schools of Carey, attending until he was fourteen years of age. Since laying aside his books he has been connected at intervals with the city postoffice in some capacity and when not so engaged has worked as telegraph operator in the employ of the Western Union Company, becoming very proficient at this occupation. At one time he spent two and a half years in Texas and thirteen months in Mexico but for the past sixteen years has resided in Carey, giving his attention to the duties which devolve upon him in the capacity of postmaster. The length of his service is the best proof of his capability, which is further evidenced in the excellent results which have attended his labors.

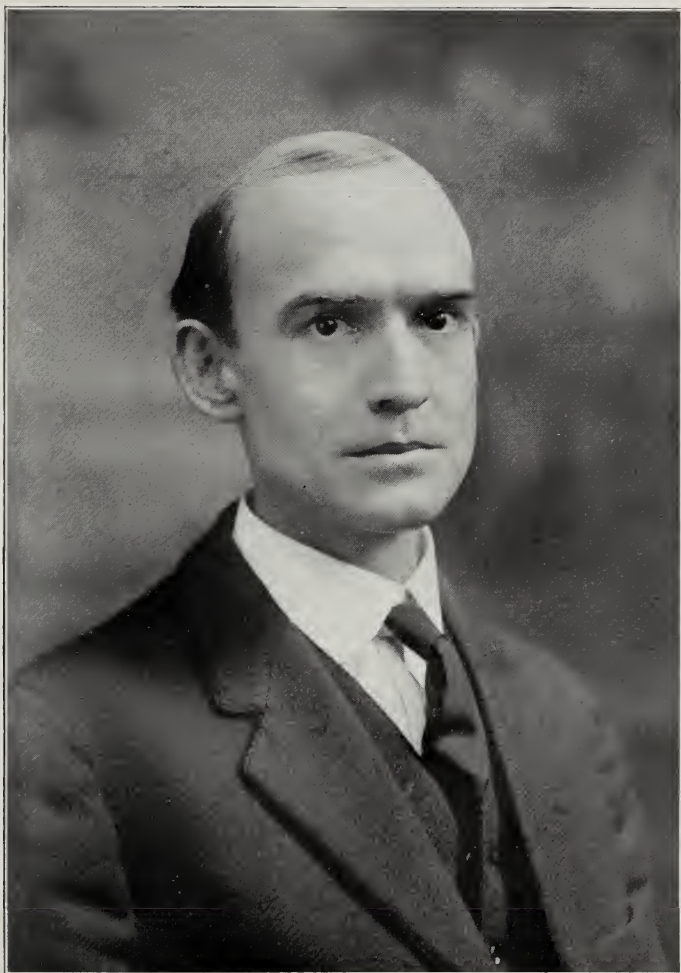
Mr. Newhard married, on the 30th of October, 1891, at Carey, Miss Ida Hackenberger, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Hackenberger, of Canal Dover. Mr. and Mrs. Newhard became the parents of the following children: Guilford, who died at the age of nine; Mary, who is clerk in the Carey postoffice; Caroline; Harriet, who died at the age of two years and a half; Herbert, Jr.; Walter; and Russell.

Mr. Newhard is connected with the Masonic order. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has always taken an active interest in the welfare and growth of the city, which during his two years' service as secretary of the board of public affairs he did much to promote. He also served as township treasurer for four years. Throughout a long career in the public service he has proven himself reliable, conscientious and trustworthy in every respect and his efforts in political and business life are such as commend him to the confidence and good will of all with whom he comes in contact.

PETER FRANK, JR.

Peter Frank, Jr., county auditor of Wyandot county, with residence in Upper Sandusky, was born in Salem township, September 14, 1880, and is a son of Peter and Catherine (Weber) Frank, natives of Germany. The father came to Ohio when he was still a child and after reaching mature years engaged in farming. He is still active in this line of work, living on two hundred and seventy acres of land in Salem township. His wife came to America at the age of twenty-one and died in Ohio in 1904, when she was fifty-five years of age. In this family were seven children: Theodore W., who is engaged in farming in Salem township and who married Julia Zahn, by whom she has one son, Carl; Edwin, who died at the age of four years; Peter, Jr., of this review; and Fred, Albert, Louise and Harmon M., who are engaged in farming with their father.

Peter Frank, Jr., acquired his education in the district schools of his native section, attending until he was eighteen years of age. After he had laid aside his books he taught for one term and then spent one year and a half in the Lima Business College. He began his independent career as clerk in the Commercial Bank, spending one year and a half in that capacity. At the end of that time he was called to public service as deputy county auditor and his six years in that capacity constituted a splendid preparation for his work as county auditor, to which office he was elected in 1908 and again in 1910. He has made a very satisfactory record, giving



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a public-spirited administration in his prompt and capable discharge of the duties which devolve upon him. He is now one of the directors of the Citizens Savings Bank.

Mr. Frank married, on the 25th of June, 1908, at Upper Sandusky, Miss Clara Berg, a daughter of Fred and Elizabeth (Ash) Berg, the former a prominent druggist in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Frank became the parents of a daughter, Irene E.

Mr. Frank gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has always been staunch and loyal in his support of progressive public measures. He is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran church. His life has been that of a man who has worked ably and well in the public service, seeking always the good of the community before his personal interests and winning that success which comes as a result of earnest, persistent and honorable labor.

JOHN OWEN, JR.

John Owen, Jr., was born in Montgomeryshire, north Wales, June 7, 1814. He was the eldest son of John and Grace (Humphreys) Owen, both natives of Montgomeryshire. The family emigrated to America in 1820, coming direct to Delaware county. It then consisted of three sons, John, Jr., Samuel and Cadwallader. A daughter, Margaret J., was born in this country. They were Welsh, spoke the language and knew no English. John Owen, Sr., was an experienced mason, familiar with all lines of his trade. On his arrival, he immediately found work among his own people and it was not long before he attained sufficient command of English to enable him to widen the sphere of his business operations. This enabled him to extend the field of his work and he found employment as far east as Mount Vernon, west to Bellefontaine and north into the Wyandot reserve among the Indians. Near the end of 1823, through his acquaintance and the recommendation of Rev. Benjamin Chidlaw, he secured the contract for the building of the Wyandot Mission church at Upper Sandusky from Rev. James B. Finley, the resident missionary. Early in April, 1824, he moved his family to Upper Sandusky, occupying a small one-story, two-

room log cabin, near the old-time ford, on the mission farm. This was convenient to his work. Unlike builders of today who have all their material prepared and furnished to hand, he had to go to the quarry and to the forest and prepare and collect his material on the building site before the actual work of building was begun. As soon as weather conditions permitted he opened up a quarry in the bed of the Sandusky just above the ford. There with the aid of the help of Benjamin Herbert he quarried the rock for the walls, built his lime kiln on the bank above and burned his lime. In the timber nearby he cut his lath timber and split his lath, piling them up neatly and protecting them from sun and weather. William Watkins, the carpenter, and a helper from southern Ohio were busy in the woods preparing their material. Herbert and Watkins were both Welshmen and residents of Radnor, Delaware county.

At that time John Owen, Jr., was ten years of age and, like all pioneer boys, had to work when there was work to be done. His task was to drive the team and haul the rock and other material to the church site. When not so employed he attended the Indian mission school on the hill crest above the ford—along with his brothers. That school of sixty or more pupils, over fifty of whom were Indian children, was the first he ever attended, his teacher being a Miss Harriet Stubbs of Dayton, a relative of Judge McClain's. When the material was collected on the site the building of the church began and by early November the walls were completed. He then returned with his family to Radnor, leaving Watkins to complete the enclosing and finishing. The following spring he returned and lathed and plastered the building. Every Monday he would come up on horseback, bringing John, Jr., behind him, that he might return with the horse for use on the farm during the week and at its end return for his father's homecoming and Sunday rest. The quarry was operated as late as the early '50s and then abandoned. Its site was plainly visible as late as 1860 but has since become filled with drift and sediment. The location of the lime kiln is still plainly visible. The church builder continued the business of contracting and building for years, often away from home months at a time. On August 9, 1851, the wife and mother passed away at Radnor. This was a serious blow to the family. The farm was then sold, the family

removing to Upper Sandusky. On October 5, 1857, the builder answered the summons that comes to all alike and passed away at Mount Gilead while on a visit to his son, Rev. C. H. Owen, aged seventy-one.

The burden of farm operations, owing to his father's occupation, fell upon John, Jr. He often said he knew from dear experience what it was to be a pioneer boy in the Ohio backwoods. He remained at home managing and conducting farm operation, the younger boys going to school. The family have always been known by the name Owens in this country. The final "s" does not belong to the name. This came through combining the possessive with the name, and was only discovered when John, Jr.'s cousin wrote from Wales asking why this "s" was added. The boys had heard the possessive form so often it was concluded that was the way to spell it.

In 1832, when twenty-four years old, he served under indenture at Delaware as a tailor's apprentice for nearly four years. In 1836 he went to Columbus and worked as a journeyman three years. He then returned to Radnor and opened up a shop. Fortune favored him and he soon had plenty to do. On March 12, 1845, he was married to Miss Mary Hughes, also of Radnor. His early life in Wyandot county had endeared it to him, so that when the land sales occurred he, with his wife, came up to attend them and stopped over at the Old Inn. At the sale he bid off inlot No. 249 at fifty-two dollars, but not being pleased with his purchase went to the land office and bought inlot 110 (the homestead) for thirty-two dollars and an outlot for thirty dollars. For a house he bought an unfinished building standing in Johnson street near the east line of Fifth street, moved it on his lot and finished and occupied it November 4th, beginning work at his trade in the front room of his residence. In the meantime his shop was building on the Thurman House corner, where after its completion he remained until nearly 1850, when he moved it to Wyandot avenue near Main street, he with William King and A. M. Anderson having bought that lot (173) of John Rappee. Then he continued in business until he retired in 1878.

In 1855 he, with his brother, Samuel, and William King opened a general store with a tailoring department in connection under the firm name of J. & S. Owen & Company, but

the death of the brother soon after led to dissolution and the sale of the stock, and he changed back to piece-goods, cloths and tailoring. After his retirement he lived quietly, conserving his health, which had never been of the best. His wife's death, November 16, 1898, followed by that of his younger son, January 24, 1899, was too great a loss for him to bear up under in the frail condition of his health, and there were only intervening a few short months before his passing on May 4, 1900. He is survived by his elder son, A. H. Owen, who made the profession of teaching and literary work his vocation and is now retired and living in the old home.

CLINTON W. FOUCHT.

Clinton W. Foucht, engaging in expert mechanical work in Harpster, was born in Pitt township, April 24, 1857. He is a son of John D. and Mary Ann (Wirick) Foucht, both natives of Perry county, Ohio, the former born September 29, 1831, and the latter November 6, 1834. The father engaged in farming until the time of his death, December 12, 1874. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred June 3, 1910. In their family were six children. William A. is the proprietor of a department store in Upper Sandusky. He married Jennie Ewert and has two children. Clinton W. is the subject of this review. Lizzie E. became the wife of F. M. Gibson, engaged in the insurance business in Cleveland. They are the parents of five children. Cedora E. became the wife of Levi From, a retired farmer of Somerset, Ohio. They have three children. Emma V. married Moffet Whitaker, who is engaged in the grocery business at Ravenna, Ohio. They are the parents of three children. Ida C. married B. D. McElroy, who passed away in 1904.

Clinton W. Foucht acquired his education in the public schools of Pitt township, which he attended until he was seventeen years of age, laying aside his books at that time in order to become a farm laborer. He afterward acquired property of his own and developed and improved it until 1904, when he accepted a position as salesman of a line of harvester machinery, continuing in this occupation for two years. He

is a natural mechanic, skilled in everything pertaining to the use and repair of machines, and this talent he is now turning to excellent advantage, engaging in expert work on machinery, specializing in reapers and farm implements. In this line of occupation he has been active since 1906 and has won in it a gratifying success, based upon his skill, intelligence and general business ability.

On the 9th of December, 1880, at Harpster, Mr. Foucht married Miss Annie Moulds, a daughter of Richard and Anna Moulds, the former a shoemaker in Lincolnshire, England. Mr. and Mrs. Foucht are the parents of four children. John Louis is an engineer for the Ohio Oil Company, with residence in Upper Sandusky. He married Mamie Seiger and has one daughter, Katherine. Grace Beulah became the wife of Scott Vickers, also an engineer for the Ohio Oil Company. They have two children, Robert Eugene and John Richard. The other children in this family are Clara Marie and Charles William.

Mr. Foucht is a member of the Reformed church of Pitt township. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and is a member of the National Salesman's Training Association of Chicago, having completed the course in 1910. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he has always been active in local affairs. He was the first marshal in Harpster, serving for five years, and he was for four years constable for Wyandot county. He is now notary public, having been elected to this office in 1906, and his public service is distinguished by the same honesty, loyalty and conscientiousness which have distinguished his business career.

ADDISON ELI GIBBS.

Addison Eli Gibbs is living practically retired in Carey after a long period of close identification with its business life. He is giving his time to the supervision and management of his extensive interests and occupies a leading place among the influential and prominent men of the community. He is a native of Ohio, born in Portage county, February 22, 1831, and is a son of one of the pioneers of the state. His

father, Eli Gibbs, was born in Massachusetts, June 8, 1802, and in the early '20s moved to Portage county, Ohio, where he farmed. In 1840 he came by wagon to Wyandot county and with his wife and four sons lived for about two years on a farm near Upper Sandusky. He died December 4, 1866, and his wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Lucinda Cody, passed away in the same year.

Addison E. Gibbs acquired his education in the Ohio district schools, attending during the winter months and helping with the work of the farm during the summers. At the age of fifteen he laid aside his books and obtained a position in a general store at Patterson, in Hardin county, where he worked for one year for six dollars and a half per month. When he was sixteen he worked out as a farm hand in Seneca county, and in the fall of the same year obtained a position on the Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad, receiving for his services nineteen dollars a month in the winter and twenty dollars during the summer season. It is a curious fact that he is the only member of that construction gang who is living today. Mr. Gibbs aided his parents until he was twenty-one years of age but afterward moved to Republic, Seneca county, and there worked in a grain elevator belonging to the railroad company. In 1855 he moved into Carey and has since maintained his residence in this city. For some time he had charge of the large elevator here and retained this position for three years, after which he conducted a similar enterprise in the interests of Dow & Park. In 1862 he formed a partnership with Messrs. Park and Swartz and engaged in the grain and seed trade until the spring of 1864, when he purchased an interest in the drug business belonging to Houck & Myers. This he sold out in order to enter the army and he served loyally and faithfully until the close of hostilities. Upon his return he took a position in the dry goods store of Park & Swartz but shortly afterward was appointed agent of the United States Express Company, an office which he held until he was succeeded by his son Frank, the combined terms of service of father and son extending over forty years. To his activity in this line Mr. Gibbs added, in 1865, the duties of agent of the Cleveland, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad and this position he held until 1881 without the loss of a day's pay and with no vacation. In the latter year he retired from active life, but after a few days grew discontented with his

inactivity and resumed business. He purchased the grocery store of A. J. Frederick and conducted it until 1906, when he sold the enterprise and again retired. He has, however, an office in one of his business blocks and there he still looks after his extensive interests. No man occupies a more enviable position in the community than he, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the fact that his methods have been straightforward and honorable. He is a dependable man under all circumstances and the simple weight of his character and ability has carried him into important business relations.

On the 8th of April, 1852, Mr. Gibbs was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kerstetter, who died on October 21, 1899. To their union were born nine children: Alice; Ella; Florence, deceased; Hattie; Maud, who has also passed away; Frank C.; Fred W.; Hiram J.; and Edward A. Politically Mr. Gibbs gives his allegiance to the republican party, his study of the questions and issues of the day leading him to the opinion that the principles of that party are best calculated to conserve the general good. He has been township clerk, member of the school board, treasurer of the city of Carey and also treasurer of the school board and a member of the city council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a dignified, courteous gentleman, of kindly spirit and strong principles, who through his marked individuality has left an impress for good upon the community in which he has so long resided.

WILLIAM EARL MONTAGUE.

William Earl Montague, who since 1903 has conducted a photographic gallery in Carey, is numbered among the most able and progressive young business men of the city and his patronage is most extensive. He was born in Carey, November 26, 1881, and is a son of Kinzie and Mary (Friend) Montague, the former born in Crawford township in 1849 and the latter in Berwick, Ohio, in 1856. The father is a barber by trade and has followed this occupation continuously for the past thirty-five years. He and his wife make their home in Carey. They became the parents of four children: Grace,

who died at the age of one year; William Earl, the subject of this sketch; LeRoy, a barber in Carey, who married Dorothy Brown, and Gladys, who died at the age of one year.

William E. Montague was educated in the public and high schools of Carey, laying aside his books in 1901. He spent two years thereafter assisting in his father's barber shop but in 1903 opened a photographic gallery in Carey which he has since conducted. His studio is supplied with the most modern equipment and the work which Mr. Montague turns out is artistic and beautiful in every respect.

On the 10th of November, 1909, at Carey, Mr. Montague married Miss Hazel Donaldson, a daughter of William and Minnie (Stout) Donaldson, the former a farmer in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Montague have one child, Ruth Isabelle. Mr. Montague gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Although still a young man he has already attained a gratifying degree of success and his many friends in this city do not hesitate to predict for him continued advancement in his chosen field.

REV. ALOYS M. FISH, O. M. C.

Rev. Aloys M. Fish was born in Albany, New York, in 1869, and acquired his early education in the parochial, public and high schools of that city, later attending the Franciscan Seminary at Syracuse, New York. He afterward went abroad and completed his theological studies in Rome, where he remained seven years, being ordained to the Catholic priesthood in that city. After he returned to America he began teaching in St. Francis College, Trenton, New Jersey, and he there remained for six years, becoming during that time deeply interested in prison reform work. So effective were his activities along this line that in 1896 he received the official appointment of Catholic moral instructor at the state prison at Trenton. During the years of his work in this capacity he was a close student of modern methods and problems of prison life and discipline and cooperated in the advancement of humanitarian and reformatory treatment of



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the confined criminal, both in the state of New Jersey, where he was the author of a number of laws that remolded the present system of that conservative state, and in the country at large, where as a member and officer of the American Prison Association and as president of the Penal Chaplains Association he stood in the front ranks of advocates of more enlightened methods in prison control.

Father Fish remained in Trenton until 1912, when he received the appointment as pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, coming to this city June 1 of that year.

JACOB P. BARNTHOUSE.

One of the most progressive, far-sighted and able business men of Upper Sandusky is Jacob P. Barnthouse, now controlling an important and extensive patronage as a wool buyer. He also handles sheep, obtaining for them a ready market, and is one of the large land owners in this part of the state, owning five hundred and thirty acres of land, lying partly in Marion county and partly in Wyandot. He was born in Salt Rock township, Marion county, July 16, 1842, and is a son of William and Margaret (McCoy) Barnthouse, the former a native of Maryland, born in 1802, and the latter of Pennsylvania, born in 1804. The father came to Ohio about the year 1838 and turned his attention to general farming, an occupation which he followed until his death, which occurred in 1856. His wife survived him some years, dying in 1871. In their family were thirteen children: Eliza A. married Abraham Halderman, a farmer of Bement, Illinois, and they have four children. James H., formerly county commissioner of Wyandot county, married Catherine Mathews. He is a resident of Little Sandusky, where he follows farming. Elizabeth passed away in childhood. William H. is a farmer at Weldon, Iowa. He married Martha Chery and has two children. Francis has passed away. His wife, also deceased, was in her maidenhood Miss Harriet Mount and they became the parents of three children. Emily J. married Daniel Mathews, a farmer in Missouri. He passed away in 1906, leaving six children. Jacob P. is the subject of this

review. Amanda O. became the wife of John Book, after whose death she married a Mr. Egger, a farmer of Little Sandusky. She has three children by her first husband. May C. married James Preston, who followed farming in Iowa. Both have passed away, leaving four children. Sylvester M. married Samantha Holmes. Both have passed away, leaving one child. Matilda E. became the wife of John McLean. Both are deceased. Christopher makes his home at Eaton, Indiana. He married Susan Webb and has one child. The other child born to William and Margaret Barnthouse died in infancy.

Jacob Barnthouse attended school for only one year, in 1854, and then went back to work on the farm in Upper Sandusky. Until 1876 he aided with the operation of the homestead, but in that year turned his attention to other pursuits, becoming station agent at Morral for the Hocking Valley Railroad. He remained there seven years, dividing his attention between the duties of this position and the conduct of a grain buying business, which under his able management steadily increased in volume and importance. It finally reached such extensive proportions as to require all of his time and he accordingly resigned his railroad position and continued the conduct of his independent concern, to which he added a wool buying department. He continued both lines in Morral until 1910, becoming one of the prominent and successful business men of the city, having been carried forward in the course of years into important commercial and trade relations. From Morral he came to Upper Sandusky, where he conducts a large wool business, being both a buyer and a seller on an extensive scale. He was for some time connected with S. H. Hunt of this city but now conducts his enterprise alone, bringing to its management not only a natural business ability but also the experience gained during thirty years of close connection with the line of work which now claims his attention. Mr. Barnthouse is also engaged to some extent in general farming, being one of the extensive land owners in this section. He owns one hundred and sixty acres in Marion county, two hundred and fifty acres in Pitt and one hundred and twenty in Marseilles townships, this county, and five and one-half acres in Crane township, his principal crops being hay, corn and oats, which he sells readily in the local market. He conducts his business affairs in a

far-sighted, able and discriminating way, practicing economy in buying and selling, and he has gained that success which follows earnest, well directed and persistent labor.

At Marion, Ohio, on the 18th of October, 1867, Mr. Barnthouse married Miss Hulda Jump and they became the parents of eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Of the others, Charles O. is a grain buyer in Marion county. He married Louisa Kinster and they have one child, Merwyn R. C. F. Barnthouse is a wool buyer in Upper Sandusky. He married Anna Miller. Harvey O. is a telegraph operator on the Board of Trade in Toledo. He married Blanche Loudermilk and has four children: Whitcomb; Beatrice; Marjorie, deceased; and Morris. Zoe E. lives at home. Edison R., the youngest child in this family, is also with his parents.

Mr. Barnthouse gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has always taken an active and loyal part in public affairs, being essentially public-spirited in matters of citizenship. He was for four years a trustee of Salt Rock township in Marion county, and was president of the Salt Rock township school board for ten years. He attends the Free Will Baptist church and is a member of the Upper Sandusky Chamber of Commerce. Since 1880 he has been affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is prominent and popular in the local lodge of that organization. A man of varied interests, he possesses the personality and the force of ability necessary to make each effective, being progressive in citizenship, capable in business and faithful to all ties and obligations of life. All who have been in any way associated with him entertain for him high regard and esteem and he has the confidence and honor of those fortunate enough to come within the close circle of his friendship.

GEORGE L. STAUM.

George L. Staum is well known among the reliable and trustworthy business men of Sycamore, for he has been conducting a large undertaking establishment in that community since 1881. He is a native of Wyandot county, born in Eden township, March 20, 1857, and is a son of Jacob and Eleanor (Sinneft) Staum. The father was born in Holmes county in

1837 and followed the occupation of carpentering during the early years of his active life, later becoming connected with the undertaking business. He passed away in 1907. His wife was a native of Fairfield county, born in 1840, and she died in 1912. They had three children: George L., of this review; William H., who died March 14, 1911, at the age of forty-seven; and Hester.

George L. Staum acquired his education in the district schools of Belle Vernon, Ohio, pursuing his studies until he was nineteen years of age. After he laid aside his books he spent his summers working at carpentering and during the winter aided in his father's undertaking establishment. He continued thus until 1881, when his father retired from active life and Mr. Staum of this review assumed entire charge of the business. Since that time he has met with continuous success because he is a capable and upright man and has ever placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of energy and perseverance, guided by sound and practical judgment.

At Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on the 14th of December, 1882, Mr. Staum married Miss Lou Snover, a daughter of Marshall Snover, a farmer of Belle Vernon, Ohio, and they have two children, Cleo and Cloa. The family are devout members of the Reformed church.

Fraternally Mr. Staum is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is at all times active and progressive in his citizenship, giving loyal support to many measures for the public good. For two terms he served as director of the school board and for similar periods was town treasurer and a member of the town council, discharging his official duties with the same energy, conscientiousness and enterprising spirit which influenced and hastened his business success.

JOHN HOGAN.

John Hogan, prominently identified with mercantile interests of Marseilles as the proprietor of a fine meat market, was born in north Wales on the 24th of January, 1858, and is a son of William F. and Jane (Williams) Hogan, both

natives of that country, the former born in 1827 and the latter in 1831. The father came in 1852 to America and settled immediately in Marion county, Ohio, whence five years later he moved to Wyandot county, where he died in 1908. His wife has also passed away, her death occurring in 1909. In their family were six children, Maria, Susan, John, Nelson, Sarah and Frank.

John Hogan acquired his education in the district schools of Mifflin township and at the age of nineteen laid aside his books, being at that time a skilful and practical farmer, having gained an excellent knowledge of the best agricultural methods through aiding his father with the work of the homestead. He remained with his parents until he was twenty years of age and then began working as a farm laborer, continuing in this capacity until he was twenty-three, when he rented land, which he developed and improved for a period of six years. Upon the expiration of that time he turned his attention to the butcher business and he has continued this connection since that time. For many years he conducted a large meat market in Marion but in January, 1912, disposed of his interests there and moved to Marseilles, where he has met with his usual success, a large patronage being accorded to him in recognition of his straightforward business dealings, the high quality of his goods and his reasonable prices.

On the 6th of November, 1874, in Marion, Ohio, Mr. Hogan was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Byrns, a daughter of William and Lydia (Rudick) Byrns, the former a successful farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan became the parents of eleven children. Lester is a teamster in Sycamore. He married Miss Nola Hill and they are the parents of one child. Grace, twin to Lester, married Guy Ducat, a motorman in Marion. Mae is the next in order of birth. Bessie became the wife of Kendrick Flewelling, a tiler in Marseilles, Ohio, and they have one child. Hugh is a partner with his father in the meat business in Marseilles. He married Grace Secord, and they have one daughter, Nina Belle. Jennie became the wife of Harry Hall, a farmer in Marion county. Roy is an automobile mechanic and resides at Sycamore, Ohio. Marie and Byrns live at home. Vernon is also at home and works upon neighboring farms. Charles is engaged in farming in Pitt township. He married Lenora Staneberry and they have two children.

Mr. Hogan gives a general allegiance to the republican party but votes independently when he believes that the best interests of the community require such action. He is interested in community affairs and active in promoting community advancement. While a resident of Marion county he held various important local positions, serving as a member of the school board and township supervisor of Montgomery. Although one of the later arrivals in Marseilles, he has already firmly entrenched himself in the regard of his fellow townsmen, who recognize in him a man whose industry, integrity and public spirit dominate and control all the activities of his life.

HOMER THRALL.

Homer Thrall, the well known publisher of the Carey Times, has during the entire period of his residence in the city been identified with newspaper interests and has made his name a synonym for powerful and influential work along lines of municipal progress, reform and development. He was born in Granville, Ohio, October 27, 1832, and is a son of Linus G. and Lucy (Wolcott) Thrall, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Ohio. The father was a miller by trade and also engaged in general farming for a number of years.

Homer Thrall acquired his early education in the public schools of Licking county, Ohio, and was later graduated from Kenyon College at Gambier. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company B, Seventeenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, going to the front as captain, and after four months reenlisted in Company D, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteers, serving as captain of that company also. He was mustered out in November, 1864, as lieutenant colonel and with this creditable military record returned home, where he studied for the ministry and was ordained in the Congregational religion. He continued in this work until 1893, when he came to Carey and purchased the Carey Times, a weekly journal, which he has since conducted. He has proven himself a truly public-spirited citizen—an essential qualification for a successful newspaper publisher—and he has stood stead-

ily on the side of reform and advancement, supporting in the columns of his paper all progressive public enterprises. He has been instrumental in this way in gaining many needed civic improvements and it was largely through his influence that the city waterworks plant was erected. Although a democrat personally, Mr. Thrall keeps his paper independent of political lines and free from all suspicion of partisanship, thus making his work doubly effective, because it is known to be sincere.

In 1863 Mr. Thrall was united in marriage to Miss Emma Boudinet, a native of Liverpool, England, and they have three children, Linus G., Josephine and Eloise. Mr. Thrall is well known in business and social circles and is regarded as one of the leading newspaper men of this section of the state. His genial manner, unfailing courtesy and his distinct and valuable achievements have made him prominent and have gained for him the high place which he holds in Carey.

BEN WAGSTAFF.

Ben Wagstaff is proprietor of a plumbing and steamfitting establishment in Sycamore, in which connection he has built up a business of growing and gratifying proportions. Ohio claims him as one of her native sons, his birth having occurred in Zanesville, November 18, 1865. His father, Benjamin F. Wagstaff, was born in Cambridge, Ohio, in 1830, and devoted his life to the trades of blacksmithing and wagon making, in which connection he won a substantial measure of prosperity, enabling him in 1909 to retire from active life and spend the remainder of his days in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He is now living at Dunkirk, Ohio. He married Cecelia Crites, who was born in Virginia in 1834, and their children were Harry B., Homer J., William H., James, Ben, Carrie C., Albert O. and Charles C. Of these, James died in 1879.

In taking up the personal history of Ben Wagstaff we present to our readers the life record of one who has shown in his business activity much that is commendable. He deserves considerable credit for his success in that he started out in life on his own account when but fourteen years of age, up

to which time he had been a pupil in the district schools. He then began learning the tinner's trade, at which he worked for others until 1897. During that period he most wisely saved his earnings until his industry and careful expenditure had brought him capital sufficient to enable him to start in business on his own account. He opened his present establishment in Sycamore in 1903 and now owns one of the most thoroughly modern and up-to-date plumbing and steamfitting shops in Wyandot county. In connection with his work in that line he is engaged in the roofing and tinning business and from the time he became an independent factor in commercial circles here, he has been very successful, being accorded a liberal patronage by reason of his excellent workmanship, his reasonable prices and his fair and honest dealing.

Mr. Wagstaff was united in marriage to Miss Angie I. Vanness, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vanness, on the 4th of September, 1889, at Wapakoneta, Ohio, where her father is a prosperous farmer. The children born unto Mr. and Mrs. Wagstaff are Cora, Ethel, Avery, Hobart, Ruth and Wendell. Mr. Wagstaff votes with the republican party but has never sought nor desired office. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also to the United Brethren church. He and his wife are held in high esteem in Sycamore, where they have an extensive circle of warm friends, while the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them.

WILLIAM L. BLAIR.

The life record of William L. Blair is but another proof of the fact that ambition, paired with industry and energy, leads to success. Starting out with no particular advantages in this world, he has become one of the foremost landowners of his section and his activities have extended to so many fields that their effect can hardly be estimated. Not only has he given his ability to the promotion of numerous financial institutions and the raising of agricultural standards but he is largely interested in manufacturing enterprises, and there is no man who can lay greater claim to a career of public benefit than William Blair. He now makes his resi-



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dence in Nevada, Wyandot county, enjoying the position of a leader among its people. Born in Warren county, New Jersey, December 20, 1831, he is a son of James and Sarah A. (Linderry) Blair, of New Jersey. The father, who was a farmer, was born in 1801 and died in 1867, his wife passing away in 1853.

William L. Blair attended school in his native state until sixteen years of age, when he laid aside his text-books and assisted his father with the work on the farm until he reached the age of eighteen. He then began his independent career and in 1853, when twenty-two years of age, came to Wyandot county, where he engaged in the stock and sheep business, driving stock overland to the eastern markets and deriving gratifying results from this enterprise. Ever ready to embrace new opportunities, he made a study of the land of the Sandusky valley and bought one hundred and sixty acres of improved farm property in Sycamore township, his sound judgment leading to a wise selection. There he settled permanently in the spring of 1854 and has ever since been a prominent figure in the agricultural advancement of Wyandot county. As the years have passed he has increased his holdings and now holds title to over two thousand acres of farm land and also has become one of the most successful financiers of these parts. He is considered a power in financial circles and at present serves with circumspection and conspicuous ability as president of the Nevada Deposit Bank. Mr. Blair was one of the incorporators of this institution, which commenced business on May 5, 1873, and at its first meeting of the stockholders on that date he was elected president and has since served in that important position without interruption—a period of more than forty years. He is also a stockholder and director of the First National Bank at Upper Sandusky and the Commercial National Bank at that place, and also the First National Bank of Bucyrus, Ohio. He has also interests in numerous other financial institutions throughout Wyandot county and is connected with a number of manufacturing plants and other industries of varied character not only throughout this section but throughout the state. His advice is often sought by the most able business men and generally heeded, and he has come to be considered an authority upon practically all commercial enterprises inaugurated in this neighborhood. As highly as he is to be

commended upon his individual success, his activities have been of a much more far-reaching character as regards the general welfare and in that light have been inestimable in promoting advancement in Wyandot county.

On December 16, 1857, at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Mr. Blair was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta B. Fox, a daughter of Charles C. and Caroline (Boyd) Fox, natives of New York and Kentucky respectively. They were residents of Wyandot county at the time of the marriage of their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Blair became the parents of the following children: Idella B., who makes her home in Detroit, Michigan; Francis P., who follows agricultural pursuits, married a daughter of J. C. McBeth, by whom he has two children, Arlington and Nina; Caroline S., who married Newton McBeth, who is deceased, and by whom she has two children, Grace and Ollie; James A., who married Lovine Larick and has three children, Theodore, Robert and Zelma, and is a retired farmer; William C., who follows agricultural pursuits, married Dora Van Voorhis, by whom he has three children, Harold, Van and Idella; and Mary E., who married Joseph Maxwell, a dry-goods merchant at Upper Sandusky, by whom she has three children, J. Blair, William and Joseph, Jr.

Although having long passed the biblical age, Mr. Blair is still deeply interested and active in all measures affecting the general welfare and in every way possible seeks to promote any worthy public enterprise. He served for many years as member of the council of Nevada and in less official capacities has ever gladly borne the brunt of financial expenditure in promoting commercial expansion. He gives his adherence to the republican party. Along fraternal lines he is affiliated with the Masons, in which he has attained the rank of the chapter, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. His faith is that of the English Lutheran church. In his life his business methods have been such as neither seek nor require disguise. He deals honorably and honestly with his fellowmen and his name has come to be regarded as a synonym for integrity in business and honor and loyalty in every relation of life. Those who know him personally find him a genial and kindly gentleman of generous impulses, a friend of all mankind, guide and instructor of youth, one who looks for good in others and finds it. His record is one

which should serve as a spur and inspiration to those who seek advancement. The lesson, however, does not lie in the fact that he has attained to a position of wealth, it lies not in his tangible attainments, although they are important, but it lies in the fact that with no advantages he has struggled to success in training those qualities that have made that success possible and excite admiration. That a fixed and unalterable purpose pursued under all circumstances, in season and out of season, with never an idea of turning from the path, is the best motive power man can have—thereof his life course is proof. His personal qualities are such as have ever commanded for him the respect, confidence, good-will and even devotion of all with whom he has come in contact, and as the years have passed he has become more firmly entrenched in the affection of those who know him.

HENRY KINLEY.

Henry Kinley, a worthy native son of Wyandot county, is now serving as county commissioner. For more than four decades he has made his home on section 7, Crane township, and has won success as a farmer and stockman, owning two hundred and ninety-four acres of valuable land in Crane and Salem townships. His birth occurred in Tymochtee township, this county, on the 5th of December, 1849, his parents being Frederick and Susanna (Schoenberger) Kinley, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany, the former born in 1809 and the latter in April, 1815. Frederick Kinley was one of the pioneer settlers of Crane township, Wyandot county, here buying land in 1846, that is now in possession of George Krebs. During the remainder of his life he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits in this county. His demise occurred on the 14th of April, 1874, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 19th of September, 1906. Their children were as follows: Frederick, Mary, William, Henry, Louis C., Caroline, John H., and four who died in infancy.

Henry Kinley attended the district schools of Crane township until seventeen years of age and subsequently worked as a farm hand until 1872. In that year he took up his abode on

the farm which has remained his home continuously since or for more than four decades, his property now comprising two hundred and ninety-four acres of productive and valuable land in Crane and Salem townships. He raises hay, corn, oats and wheat, which he sells in the local market, and also makes a specialty of sheep, having one hundred ewes. His residence was destroyed by fire in 1885, and immediately thereafter he erected the handsome modern home which now adorns the place. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Upper Sandusky and has long been numbered among the prosperous and leading citizens of his native county.

On the 26th of March, 1871, in Crane township, Mr. Kinley was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Tilton, a daughter of Green and Maria (Smith) Tilton of that township. The father was one of the earliest settlers of this county and became an extensive property owner here. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kinley have been born twelve children, as follows: Grant W., an agriculturist of Salem township, who wedded Miss Carrie Cope and has four children, Laird H., Gladys, Mary Evelyn and Zelma; Myrtie E., the wife of Marly Gibson, a farmer of Crane township, by whom she has four children, Inez E., Hazel, Robert and Herbert; Jay J., who wedded Miss Bertha Corb and is a mail carrier of Toledo, Ohio; Edward M., a farmer of Salem township, who married Miss Maggie Hentzel and has two children, Helen and Dorothy; Ada A.; Frederick E., an agriculturist of Crane township, who married Miss Cassie Wade and has one child, Harmon; Grover C., residing at Portsmouth, Ohio, and acting as surveyor of Scioto county, who married Miss Mabel Fritz and has one child, Imogene; Miner M., a farmer residing in Crane township, who wedded Miss Maggie Gibson and has one child, Kenneth; Inda; Bessie M. and Elva, both of whom are deceased; and one who died when young.

Mr. Kinley gives his political allegiance to the democracy and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to serve in several positions of public trust. He acted as trustee of Crane township for six years and has been a member of the school board for a period of nine years. In 1910 he was elected commissioner, making a creditable record in this connection. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Red Men and the Champion Grange.

While acquiring success in life he has also gained and retained the respect and honor of his fellowmen by his public service and private life, and all who know him feel honored by his friendship.

HOMER CLARKE RAMSDELL.

Homer Clarke Ramsdell, a representative of journalistic interests in Wyandot county, is the enterprising editor of the Sycamore Leader. Practically his entire active career has been spent in the newspaper business and in his present position he is reaping the reward of many years of thorough and systematic training and experience. He is a native of New York, born in North Brookfield, January 2, 1872, a son of Sidney D. and Lucinda (Clarke) Ramsdell, the former a mechanician of great talent and ability and the latter a school teacher previous to her marriage. This family is one of the oldest in America and the line can be traced back through successive generations to the Earl of Chester, who left his native country and settled in Massachusetts in pre-Revolutionary times after his estate had been confiscated by King James II of England. Howard Ramsdell, the great-great-grandfather of the subject of this review, founded the family in New York, going to Saratoga from Massachusetts as one of the pioneer settlers in that vicinity.

Homer C. Ramsdell acquired his education in the public schools of Brookfield, graduating from the high school in 1892 with the highest class honors, being chosen as valedictorian. For two years after laying aside his books he read law in order to acquire a comprehensive knowledge of legal principles and also for the sake of the business training which this study afforded him. He began his business career by engaging as a printer, entering the printing office of the Brookfield Courier when he was fourteen years of age. He, however, was at that time attending school and gave only his vacation months to these duties. When he abandoned the reading of law he resumed his printing business, later rising to the position of foreman in large country establishments and finally holding the same responsible position in city plants. Being thus thoroughly equipped by experience and

education, he came to Sycamore in 1907 and on the 4th of February of that year purchased the Sycamore Leader, in the conduct of which he has met with a well deserved success which is founded upon his expert knowledge of the details of his profession and his long experience and well directed training. The Sycamore Leader has a large subscription list as well as an excellent advertising patronage and has become important in this part of the county in the direction of public thought and opinion.

On the 26th of June, 1901, Mr. Ramsdell was united in marriage at Freedom, Ohio, to Miss Vivian Elida Wolcott, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newell Wolcott. Mrs. Ramsdell received an excellent education in the high school at Chagrin Falls and supplemented this by a two years' course at Hiram College, and was later graduated from the Cleveland School of Oratory. She afterward taught elocution until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsdell are the parents of a daughter, Helen Josephine, who was born October 7, 1902, at Utica, New York.

Homer C. Ramsdell is prominent in the fraternal circles of Sycamore. He was made a Mason in 1898 at Hamilton, New York, but has transferred his membership, belonging now to Enterprise Lodge, No. 579, F. & A. M., at Sycamore, in which organization he has filled most of the chairs, being master in 1913. He is also a charter member of Enterprise Chapter, O. E. S. He gives his allegiance to the republican party but, being a conscientious journalist, he has always declined political preferment, wishing to keep his editorial point of view untouched by bias or obligation. His life has ever been upright and honorable and the motives which guide his actions are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

REUBEN S. ULRICH.

Reuben S. Ulrich, a well known and leading resident of Wyandot county, is now serving in the capacity of county commissioner. He owns and operates a valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Eden township, and also owns a residence and harness store in the town of Nevada.

His birth occurred in Eden township, this county, on the 7th of March, 1859, his parents being Samuel B. and Helena (Sellers) Ulrich, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Cumberland county in 1830 and the latter in 1838. Samuel B. Ulrich took up his abode in Eden township, Wyandot county, in 1847 and here spent the remainder of his life, devoting his attention to the pursuits of farming and carpentering. His demise occurred in 1887, while his wife was called to her final rest in the year 1906. To them were born the following children: Reuben S., of this review; Peter, who died in infancy; Benjamin S.; Elmira; Howard; Martha, who passed away at the age of twenty-eight years; Noretta; Samuel S.; Helena M.; and one who died in infancy.

Reuben S. Ulrich attended the district schools of Eden township until twenty years of age and subsequently worked at threshing and carpentering until 1887. In that year he rented a tract of land comprising one hundred and sixteen acres. He also owned a farm of two hundred acres in Texas township, Crawford county, in partnership with his uncle, and after disposing of his half interest in the property purchased one hundred and twenty-seven acres in Sycamore township, Wyandot county. At the end of three years he sold the land and in 1904 bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 24, Eden township, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he has devoted his time and energies continuously since. He has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings as an agriculturist, raising hay, corn, oats and wheat, which he sells in the local market. He makes a specialty of the breeding of Hereford and Short-horn cattle, of which he has twenty head, and his stock also includes one hundred head of sheep and as many hogs. In connection with his farming interests he owned and operated a threshing machine for twenty-five years. In addition to his farm, he owns a residence and harness store in Nevada and in the latter carries a stock of goods valued at three thousand dollars. Mr. Ulrich is likewise a stockholder in the Nevada Telephone Company and has long been widely recognized as one of the enterprising, progressive and prosperous citizens of this county.

On the 25th of December, 1879, at the home of the bride in Eden township, Mr. Ulrich was united in marriage to Miss Annie E. Harter, her parents being Jacob and Susan

(Haas) Harter, farming people of that township. Unto our subject and his wife have been born the following children: Lesta L., the wife of Samuel T. Bell, a farmer of Eden township, by whom she has two children, Ulrich and Allen; Laurence B., an agriculturist residing in Eden township, who wedded Miss Ollie Walters and has four children, Lea Jean, Beth, Ulva and Wayne B.; Clate H., who died in infancy; Clara H., twin sister of Clate, who gave her hand in marriage to Stephen Golling, a barber of Nevada, Ohio, and has two children, Coline and Martha; and Ralph F., who passed away when but a year old.

In politics Mr. Ulrich is a stanch democrat and an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He has served as clerk of Eden township for two terms and for a period of fifteen years acted as president of the school board in that township. In 1910 he was chosen county commissioner and two years later was reelected, holding that office at the present time and discharging his duties in connection therewith in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. His fraternal relations are with the Royal Arch Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Church of God, attending the services in Eden township. A lifelong resident of Wyandot county, he has witnessed its continuous growth and development for more than a half century and has been an active factor in the work of progress and upbuilding along many lines.

GUSTAV KUMMERER.

Gustav Kummerer follows general farming upon seventy-nine acres of land on section 8, Crawford township, and is numbered among the representative and substantial agriculturists of this vicinity. A spirit of enterprise and progress actuates him in all of his business life and has led him from small beginnings to large undertakings, wherein his labors are crowned with gratifying prosperity. He is one of the sturdy, industrious and capable men whom Germany has given to the new world and he was born in the father-



GUSTAV KUMMERER AND FAMILY

land, June 22, 1858. His parents were John and Elizabeth Kummerer, the former a farmer in his native country. They spent their entire lives in Germany, where their deaths occurred.

In the acquirement of an education Gustav Kummerer attended the public schools in Germany and there remained until he was twenty-two years of age. At that time he and his brother, Joseph, crossed the Atlantic to the United States, separating upon their arrival, Joseph going to the state of Washington, where in 1912 he was accidentally killed in an explosion. Mr. Kummerer, of this review, settled in Tiffin, Ohio, and for some time worked at anything which would bring him an income. He at first worked in a brickyard and later did plastering, adding to his activities by hiring out as a farm laborer. He was ambitious, economical and energetic and by the practice of strict frugality saved enough money to rent a farm, operating this property in Ohio for sixteen years and becoming in that time a practical and progressive agriculturist. When he left his first farm Mr. Kummerer resided for six years upon another tract of land in the same vicinity and then moved to Wood county, where he operated a rented farm for three years. His efforts were crowned by prosperity and in 1910 he purchased land of his own, buying seventy-nine acres on section 8, Crawford township, whereon he has since resided. Since locating upon this property he has greatly improved it, having built a fine residence and good barns and installed the necessary equipment. Although at times handicapped by ill health, he has attained a gratifying measure of success, for he is a practical farmer and does well whatever he undertakes, his strong determination, industry and ambition constituting the secret of his prosperity.

In 1884 Mr. Kummerer was united in marriage to Miss Friedolina Matt, who by her help and encouragement throughout the years aided her husband greatly in his struggle for prosperity. She was a loyal and faithful wife and mother and at her death in 1911 left ten children, Gustave, John, William, Albert, Frank, Leo, Mary, Elizabeth, Friedolina and Anna. Mr. Kummerer and his children are all devout adherents of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Kummerer has made many changes in location throughout the course of his career but all have materially advanced his prosperity. In every community in which he

has resided he has gained a reputation for strict integrity and well directed industry and has won the confidence and esteem of his associates and friends. He is a good financier and business man and, as the years have gone by, has gradually worked his way upward, until he is now one of the prosperous citizens of Crawford township. He is practical and systematic in all that he does and has gained that measure of success, which follows earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

GEORGE L. CARY.

George L. Cary is one of the prominent and progressive farmers of Marseilles township, where he owns and operates two hundred and forty acres of land on section 11. This constitutes a portion of the homestead on which he was born November 4, 1874, his parents being Henry Halsey and Susanna (Keckler) Cary, the former born in Morris county, New Jersey, on the 4th of March, 1827, and the latter in Pennsylvania in 1838. The father came to Ohio when he was only sixteen years of age and engaged in farming in this state until his death, which occurred on the 11th of August, 1901. His wife survived him some time, dying in 1912. To their union were born six children. Charles and Louis have passed away. Isabelle married David Young and they have three children, Elizabeth, Sarah and Halsey. Elizabeth is the wife of James Hastings and they reside in Hardin county and have six children, Cary, Isabelle, Jeannette, Jay, Susanna and Ernest. George L. is the subject of this review. Frank married Maggie Range, by whom he has two sons, Ralph and Paul.

George L. Cary acquired his education in the district schools of his native township, dividing his time in his childhood between his studies and work upon his father's farm. When he was twenty-one he laid aside his books and thereafter until 1898 assisted with the work of the homestead, forming a partnership with his father, with whom he continued in association until after the latter's death in 1901. At that time the farm was divided, George Cary receiving as his share the two hundred and forty acres on section 11 upon which he now resides. Since that time he has steadily

carried forward the work of improvement and development, giving a great deal of his time to the cultivation of his fields, on which he raises hay, corn, oats and wheat, and becoming also extensively interested in stock-raising, keeping about ten head of cattle and an equal number of horses. He makes a specialty of raising sheep and has fine flocks of these animals, which command high prices and ready sales in the local markets. He is practical and progressive in all that he does and his labors have been rewarded by a success which places him today among the prosperous farmers and substantial business men of his native community.

On the 29th of September, 1898, in Hardin county, Ohio, Mr. Cary was united in marriage to Miss Mary P. Spitzer, a daughter of Gabriel and Sarah J. (Miller) Spitzer, the former at one time an extensive land owner and prosperous farmer of Hardin county. He is now retired and makes his home in Forest, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Cary have two children, Ruth Anna and Clarabel.

Mr. Cary is a member of the Presbyterian church, and politically gives his allegiance to the republican party. Although never active as an office seeker, he is interested in the community welfare and served for four years as township trustee, discharging his duties in a capable and far-sighted way. He is a man whose industry, ability and integrity are well known throughout the township and command for him the respect, confidence and esteem of all who are associated with him.

JACOB A. PETTY.

Through successive stages of business development and progress, Jacob A. Petty has worked his way upward to a prominent place in commercial circles of Sycamore, where he conducts a sawmill and general lumber business, having an extensive and growing patronage. He was born in New Jersey on the 20th of February, 1848, and is a son of John and Jane (Lake) Petty, both natives of New Jersey, the father born in 1819 and the mother in 1821. The father of our subject was a wheelwright by trade and followed that occupation until his death in 1860. His wife survived him

many years, dying in 1894. In their family were seven children: Jacob A. and Louis, living; and William, John K., Albert, Cyrus and Charles, deceased.

J. A. Petty's father died when our subject was twelve years old and he was left to work his own way, which he did by working for farmers in the summer months and attending school in the winter. At eighteen years of age he removed to Wyandot county, Ohio, near Mexico, still working on farms in the summer and attending district school in the winter. At twenty he removed to Carey, Ohio, to learn the stone, brick and plastering trades, which he followed during the summer months, and attending Heidelberg College in the winter. Thus by his own efforts he supplemented the defects of his early education. At the age of twenty-four he established himself as a contractor, specializing in building churches and schoolhouses. He became gradually very successful in this line of work, securing a gratifying patronage. In 1888, however, he purchased a sawmill in Sycamore, Ohio, and in partnership with Leslie Patrick operated it until 1892, when he purchased the interest of his associate and has since managed the enterprise alone. In addition to his mills Mr. Petty conducts a lumber and coal yard, a planing mill, and carries a general line of building materials and wire fencing. He has a liberal patronage and in all of his dealings is strictly fair and reliable, his business integrity standing as an unquestioned fact in his career. He deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in life practically penniless and is today one of the prosperous and representative men of his community.

On March 7, 1872, Mr. Petty was married at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, to Miss Clarissa Badger, a daughter of George and Harriett (Pyle) Badger, of near Mexico, Ohio, his wife having proven a loyal partner in all their labors. Mr. and Mrs. Petty have become the parents of four children. Ward B. is postmaster of Sycamore. He married Maude Case, of Eden township, and they have one child, Case. Ivy became the wife of Philip J. Heilman, editor and owner of the Sycamore Leader, who was one of the organizers of Company L, Second Ohio National Guard, and was captain of that organization at the time of his death in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Heilman had one daughter, Clarissa. The other children, Winniefred M. and Frank B., are at home.

Mr. Petty attends the Reformed church and fraternally is connected with the Masonic order. He gives loyal support to the men and measures of the republican party and for many years has been active in local affairs, having served as president and director of the school board for a number of years. He was also for a long time a councilman and chairman of the executive committee of Sycamore and acted as township treasurer, commissioner of jurors and also was a member of the board of trustees of the Memorial Association of Wyandot county and trustee of Pleasant View cemetery, discharging his duties in these positions in a manner to further the welfare and progress of his section. He is widely known in Wyandot county and throughout northern Ohio, and his substantial characteristics have gained him the warm regard and unqualified trust of his fellow townsmen.

JAY OSBORN.

Jay Osborn, engaged in the conduct of a first class bakery in Sycamore, is numbered among the well known and prominent men of this city, his wise management and capable control of his interests winning him a most gratifying degree of success. He was born in Crawford county, near Benton, May 23, 1863, a son of James B. and Susanna (Durck) Osborn, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was born in 1838 and in his youth learned the blacksmith's trade. He came to Crawford county at the age of fifteen and moved from there four years afterward to Wyandot county, where he followed his chosen occupation until his death in 1912. His wife resides in Sycamore and has reached the age of seventy years.

Jay Osborn acquired his education in the district schools of Eden township and laid aside his books at the age of eighteen in order to become the manager of his father's farm, the latter being disabled by illness. Later Mr. Osborn of this review worked in a brickyard and then engaged in business in Sycamore township. In 1887 he moved into Sycamore and established himself in the restaurant and bakery business. His establishment is fully equipped to meet all the demands made upon the business, being perfectly clean and

sanitary, and as a result Mr. Osborn has secured a gratifying patronage, being accounted an able and successful business man.

On the 10th of November, 1887, Mr. Osborn was united in marriage to Miss Ida Swartz, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Swartz, the former a well known farmer of Eden township. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn have two children, Geneva and Philip S. The family are devout members of the United Brethren church. Fraternally Mr. Osborn is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and for two years served as councilman, although he is not ambitious for official recognition, preferring to devote his entire time to the management of his business interests. Early realizing that success is the legitimate and logical result of well directed effort and intelligent labor, he applied himself to his work, and his determination and high standards of integrity have brought him to the creditable place which he now occupies in business circles.

HON. SAMUEL J. BLACK.

Samuel J. Black, superintendent of the Upper Sandusky Water Company, has ably served in that capacity for the past nine years. His birth occurred near Franklin, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of April, 1880. His father was born in Ireland and his mother was a native of Ohio. His early education was acquired in a country school, while subsequently he attended Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, after a preparatory course in Bucknell Academy. Upon leaving college he was made assistant superintendent of the Sharon Water Company of Sharon, Pennsylvania, and held that position until 1904, when he came to Upper Sandusky, Ohio, as superintendent of the Upper Sandusky Water Company, which position he now holds. He is likewise a director in the Citizens Savings Bank of Upper Sandusky and enjoys an enviable reputation as one of the prosperous and leading citizens of this county.

Politically Mr. Black is an active worker in the local ranks of the democracy, having served as a member of the democratic county central committee and as secretary and

chairman respectively of the democratic county executive committee. In 1912 he was honored by election as state representative from Wyandot county and has already justified the confidence of his constituents by valuable work in the legislature. He is an elder and trustee in the First Presbyterian church and fraternally is identified with the Masons, being a past master of Warpole Lodge, No. 176, F. & A. M., and a member of Marion Commandery, K. T. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men and is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, a Greek letter fraternity.

On the 14th of July, 1904, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Lucretia G. Snyder, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, by whom he has one child, Margaret Rainey, born September 27, 1909.

GEORGE F. BRIIHL.

George F. Briihl is conducting a photographic studio in Sycamore. His ability ranks him with the leading members of the profession in this part of Ohio and his patronage is most extensive. He is a native son of this state, born in Canton, December 9, 1872, a son of George and Emma M. (Peschel) Briihl, natives of Germany. The father was born in 1842 and spent his childhood and early manhood in his native country, coming to America in 1864. After his arrival he came immediately to Ohio and established himself as a mechanic in Canton, being profitably engaged along this line until his death, which occurred in 1885. The mother of our subject was born in Germany in 1850 and came to Canton, Ohio, in 1865. After the death of her first husband she married John Wagner, an awning worker, who passed away in 1912. By her first marriage she is the mother of five children: George F., of this review; Charles C.; Lena; Selma; and Elsie. By her second marriage she has two sons, Harry and Frank.

George F. Briihl acquired his education in the public schools of Canton, attending until he was fourteen years of age, when he laid aside his books, securing employment as a machinist's helper. He retained his first position for one

year, after which he learned the barber's trade, following it thereafter in the employ of others until he was eighteen years of age. He was ambitious and economical and saved his money, being eventually able to open a shop of his own, which he conducted from 1890 until 1900. In the latter year he established himself in the photographic business in Coshoc-ton, but in 1910 moved his studio to Sycamore, where he has since remained. His patronage is very extensive, owing to the excellent quality of the work which he does. He has a fine appreciation of pose, light and shade and has the faculty of producing natural effects in the finished likeness.

At Canton, on the 30th of August, 1894, Mr. Brihl married Miss Mollie I. Gentry, a daughter of William A. and Jennie (Campbell) Gentry, and they became the parents of three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The second, Dorothea, passed away when she was six years and four months old. The youngest is named George Gentry.

Mr. Brihl gives his allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Reformed church. Although a resident of Sycamore for only a brief period, he has won many friends here and is esteemed for his social qualities as well as for his artistic attainments along photographic lines.

JOHN BINAU, JR.

John Binau, Jr., is one of the progressive, enterprising and successful business men of Upper Sandusky, where since 1907 he has controlled a large and representative trade in bicycles and motorcycles. He was born in Salem township, this county, January 6, 1859, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Frank) Binau, natives of Germany, the former born February 2, 1819, and the latter in 1822. The father came to Salem township in 1846 and took up a government homestead claim, upon which he built a small log cabin, in which he and his family resided for many years, during which time he cleared the property and improved and developed it into a model farm. He died in 1904, having survived his wife since 1895. In their family were nine children, Peter, Phil-



JOHN BINAU, JR.

lip, Catherine, George, John, Henry, Louis, Albert and Elizabeth.

The district schools of Salem township afforded John Binau, Jr., his educational opportunities, but he laid aside his books at the age of thirteen and since that time has been dependent upon his own resources. He began his independent career as a farm laborer and continued as such until he was able to rent land, after which he engaged in farming for himself for ten years. He afterward spent some time at various occupations but in 1907, in association with his son, Paul, opened up a bicycle and motorcycle store in Upper Sandusky, and this enterprise he has since conducted. His earnest, straightforward and well directed work has been rewarded by success and he is now at the head of a large and representative mercantile concern.

On the 24th of February, 1881, Mr. Binau married, in Upper Sandusky, Miss Caroline Bachman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bachman, the former a prosperous farmer of Salem township. Mr. and Mrs. Binau have seven children, Paul, Emma, Ella, Lottie, Martha, Nora and Genevia.

Mr. Binau is a member of the Lutheran church and politically is affiliated with the democratic party, having served as constable for one year. He possesses untiring energy and determination and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought him the success which is his today and gained him a place among the representative merchants of the city where he makes his home.

STEPHEN A. RANCK.

Stephen A. Ranck, county commissioner of Wyandot county, and for many years influentially connected with agricultural interests of Sycamore township, his native section, was born August 22, 1861. He is a son of Benjamin R. and Frances B. (Compton) Ranck, the former born in Pennsylvania in 1838 and the latter in Richland county, Ohio, in 1842. The father came to Ohio when he was twelve years of age and settled in Sycamore township, where he grew to manhood. He spent his active life engaged in agricultural pursuits in this vicinity, retiring in 1900 and making his home

in Sycamore township, where he now resides. His wife passed away in 1895. They had eight children: Stephen A., of this review; Sarah J.; Mary E.; Barbara E.; Emma J.; Eli, who died at the age of six months; Laura A.; and Grover C.

Up to the age of twenty Stephen A. Ranck attended district school, following the usual course of studies, and after he had laid aside his books spent three years upon the homestead, assisting in the work of operation. When he was twenty-three he married and moved on to eighty acres of land owned by his wife. Upon this property he resided for five years, trading it at the end of that time for one hundred acres in the same township. With characteristic energy he carried forward the work of improvement and development upon the farm, building a fine house, barns and outbuildings and every year harvesting valuable crops as a reward for the care and labor he bestowed upon the fields. In twenty years he became numbered among the substantial and representative agriculturists of this vicinity. When his residence was destroyed by fire he was obliged to move into the town of Sycamore, where he now resides. He owns one hundred and eighty acres of valuable and productive land, which he has rented out since his retirement from farm life, and in addition a half interest in a business block in Sycamore and four fine residences in the village. He is numbered among Wyandot county's most successful native sons and in the fifty-second year of his age can look back upon a worthy and upright life, crowned with prosperity and honor.

On the 23d of December, 1884, Mr. Ranck married, at Sycamore, Edith V. Wilson, a daughter of Levi L. and Elizabeth Wilson, the former a prosperous farmer of Tymochtee township. Mrs. Ranck was born on December 10, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Ranck became the parents of three children: Ward W., who died March 25, 1910; Paul J., who is a druggist in Columbus, Ohio; and Elma. Mr. Ranck is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Reformed church. He has taken considerable interest in business life of Sycamore township and he was a director of the Wyandot Mutual Insurance Company. He has held that position for six years but has been connected with the company as solicitor in Sycamore township for fifteen years. He gives a firm allegiance to

the democratic party and has always been active in the political life of his native township and county. He served for three terms as township trustee and for one term as supervisor and in 1910 was elected county commissioner. His able, conscientious and straightforward work won him reelection in 1912 and he is still serving, showing in the discharge of his official duties that conscientious care for the interests of the people which is true public spirit.

JARVIS W. BOWER.

One of the most respected and esteemed of Marseilles township's native sons is Jarvis W. Bower, who was born upon his father's farm March 9, 1840, his parents being Michael and Ann E. (Studebaker) Bower. The father was born in New York state on the 19th of January, 1818, and was one of the pioneers in Ohio, coming to Marseilles township in 1835 and settling with his parents upon three hundred and seventy-six acres of land. He grew to manhood in this section and became well known and prosperous. His first wife passed away on the 9th of August, 1847, and afterward Michael Bower married her sister, Miss Martha J. Studebaker. By his first marriage he was the father of Jarvis W., Orison, Mary A., Martha and Wilhelmina. To his second union were born four children, Ann E., Leander S., Georgiana and John M.

In the acquirement of an education Jarvis W. Bower attended district school in Marseilles township, completing his studies when he was twenty-one years of age. During his childhood, however, he had spent a great deal of his time assisting with the work of the homestead and when he laid aside his books was a practical and skilful farmer. He turned his attention naturally to the occupation to which he had been reared but after following farming for a short time became a cattle buyer and after two years a traveling salesman. He worked in this latter capacity for a period of fourteen years and in this way gained a great deal of practical experience in modern methods of merchandising, which he utilized when he came to the village of Marseilles and opened a general store. This he conducted successfully for five years,

but at the end of that time his building and stock were entirely destroyed by fire, Mr. Bower at that time suffering a large financial loss. He erected afterward a smaller store but this also he eventually disposed of and he has since been engaged in various occupations, meeting with the success which always follows earnest and persistent labor.

On the 10th of September, 1883, at Bellefontaine, Ohio, Mr. Bower was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Parrish, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parrish, of Logan county, Ohio, the former a successful farmer and stock buyer. Mr. and Mrs. Bower became the parents of four children. Orison M. lives at home. Marie T. became the wife of Christopher Ankney, proprietor of a lumber mill at Shelby, in Richland county, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Sarah E. The other children in this family are Sarah Belle and Mary F. Mr. Bower is a member of the Methodist church and politically gives his allegiance to the republican party, having served as councilman of the village of Marseilles for one year. He is honored as a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after two years and ten months' able service received his honorable discharge at Camp Chase. A resident of Marseilles township since his birth, he is widely known within its borders and the substantial qualities which he has displayed in his citizenship and his business relations have gained him a high place in the regard and good-will of his fellow townsmen.

WILLIAM BAUGHMAN.

William Baughman, connected with important business interests in Upper Sandusky as a successful dealer in hay and feed, was born in Salem township, June 5, 1845, one of a family of five children, namely: Anna, who died at the age of fifty-eight; William, of this review; Alfred; Alice, who passed away at the age of thirty; and David, who died when he was five years of age.

William Baughman remained in Salem township until he was thirteen years of age, acquiring his education in the district schools. After he had laid aside his books he worked

as a farm hand until 1892 and then came to Upper Sandusky, turning his attention to business interests. He established himself as a dealer in hay and feed in his present location on North Sandusky avenue and in spite of difficulties and obstacles has had a successful business career, standing today among the prominent and deservedly prosperous men of the community.

Mr. Baughman married, on the 8th of April, 1872, in Tymochtee township, Miss Maggie McNutt, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNutt, the former a prosperous farmer of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Baughman became the parents of two children. Henry, the eldest, is a laborer in Tiffin, Ohio. He married Lillie Clay and has three children. Harry F. married Katherine Bartholomew, a daughter of John and Louisa Bartholomew, of Crane township. They became the parents of three children: Royal H., Clarence J., and Perle, who died in infancy.

Mr. Baughman is one of the well known men in local democratic politics, having served from 1878 to 1880 as supervisor of Tymochtee township and for two years as policeman of Upper Sandusky. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees. He is well known in Wyandot county and in Upper Sandusky, where he has resided since 1892 and where his genuine worth, his active life and his high principles have commended him to the good will, trust and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

NOAH A. CHADWICK.

Noah A. Chadwick, who for several years has been associated with teaching and farming in Mifflin township, this county, and who is also a prominent factor in local public life, was born in the section where he now resides, August 26, 1874. He is a son of Joseph and Anna B. (Binau) Chadwick, the former a native of Ashley, Delaware county, born April 10, 1842, and the latter of Germany, born September 24, 1838. She came to Salem township at the age of nine years and there grew to womanhood, marrying the father of the subject of this review in Ohio. She passed away January 8, 1910.

In this family were five children, Noah A., Joseph W., Lucinda M., Harry M. and one child who died in infancy.

Noah A. Chadwick acquired his education in the district schools of his native township and supplemented this by two terms in a select school in Mifflin township and by one year in the Northern Ohio University at Ada. He was reared to the occupation of farming and at an early age was thoroughly familiar with the best methods of carrying on the work of the fields and caring for the stock. He did not, however, immediately engage in this line of work, turning his attention first to school-teaching, an occupation which he followed for twenty years. During most of this time, however, he also engaged in farming and is now known as one of the successful and able agriculturists of this community. He has lived upon his present farm for twelve years and now owns one hundred and eight acres of land on sections 9, 15 and 16 and gives a great deal of his time to its development and improvement. In addition to growing fine crops of hay, corn, oats and clover seed, he is interested also in stock-raising.

On the 4th of April, 1900, Mr. Chadwick married, in Fulton county, Miss Corintha D. Stoddard, a daughter of Dwight V. and Susan Stoddard, the latter of whom passed away in 1908. The father is a farmer in Fulton county. Mr. and Mrs. Chadwick have one daughter, Elsie S.

Fraternally Mr. Chadwick is identified with the Masonic order and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist church. He gives a general allegiance to the republican party, voting, however, often independently upon important questions. He has always taken an active part in local public affairs and has served in various township offices, including those of assessor, to which he was elected in 1903, and of justice of the peace, an office which he won on the independent ticket in 1909. He resigned it in 1912 to accept the position of township treasurer, to which he was elected in November of the preceding year. In 1912 he was a candidate on the republican ticket for state representative and, although defeated, the vote which he polled showed his increasing political strength. His life has been such as to give him high standing in the eyes of the community and he is generally recognized as a man whose years of earnest labor in this township have not only contributed to his own prosperity but have also been of value to the community at

large. He comes of a family noted for patriotism and devotion to their country when she has needed her young men to fight her battles. The Chadwicks have a splendid record of service in the wars of their native land. His father, Joseph Chadwick, served as a private throughout the Civil war, participating in many of the important battles of that great struggle, including Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. In the battle of Gettysburg he was captured but managed to escape. He was likewise with Sherman on his march to the sea. The grandfather of Noah A. Chadwick served under the Duke of Wellington in the battle of Waterloo. Mr. Chadwick is also well informed on historical subjects, possessing a library of over three hundred volumes. His knowledge of events that have swayed nations in the past, as well as the important issues affecting our country today, is quite clear. He enjoys an enviable reputation in his county as an able and eloquent debater on public questions, he and Sheridan Bowen of Mifflin township now having a series of debates with other parties at Lovell, Wharton, Salem Center and Little Sandusky. Mr. Chadwick is an honest, conscientious citizen, striving to learn what is best for his community and heroically fighting for the same whether it be in accord with his party or church or not. He is a thorough American and a great admirer of country life and scenes.

JAMES L. BARE.

James L. Bare, a successful and enterprising merchant of McCutchenville, was born in Seneca county, Ohio, July 24, 1869, and is a son of James M. and Eliza J. (Penington) Bare. The father was a native of Eden township, Wyandot county, born in 1832, and was for many years closely identified with agricultural interests of that section. He retired from active life in 1897 and died in April, 1913. His wife passed away in 1876, at the age of thirty-six. To their union were born six children, Seymour O., Ada C., John E., Elva M., Alma A. and James L.

The last named was reared upon his father's farm and attended the district schools of Seneca county. When he

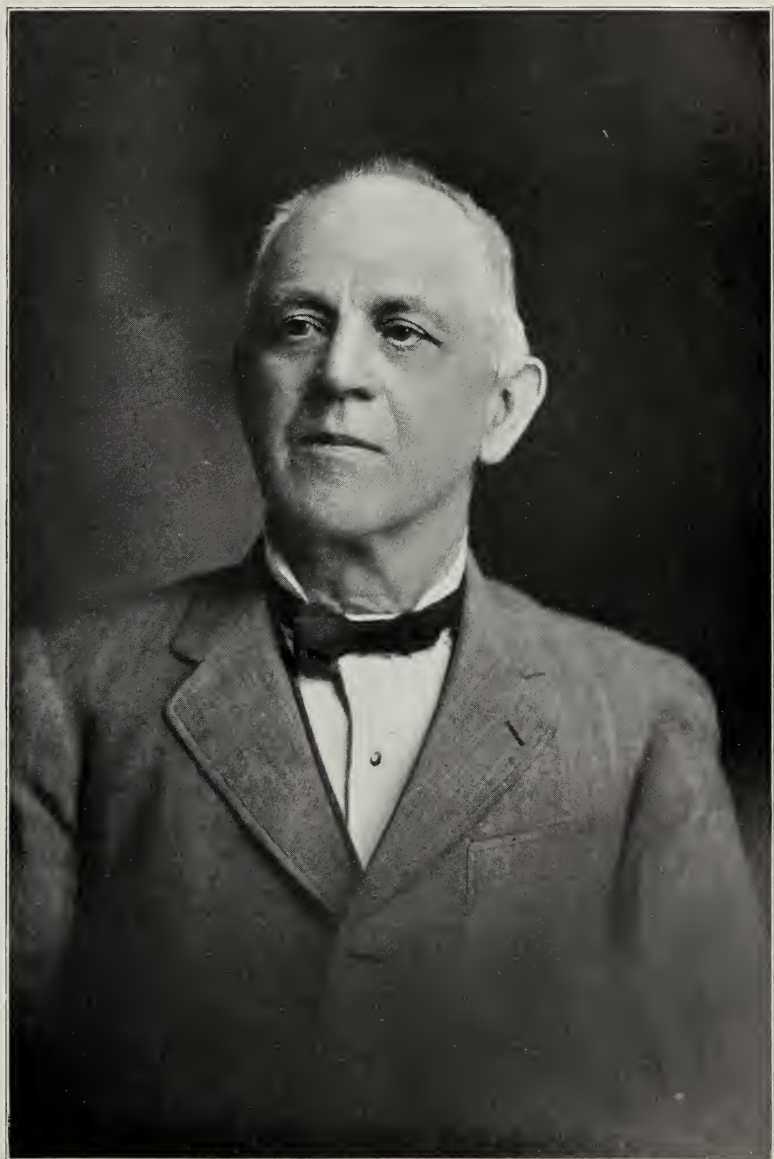
was twenty years of age he laid aside his books and for one year thereafter worked with his father in the operation of the farm. At the end of that time he rented the homestead and developed and improved it until 1901, becoming rapidly successful and gaining a high place among progressive agriculturists of that community. In the latter year he became identified with mercantile interests of this county, opening a general store in McCutchenville, which he has since successfully conducted. He carries about eight thousand dollars worth of general merchandise, and because of his well selected line of goods, reasonable prices and straightforward methods he receives an extensive and profitable patronage and is well known as one of the prosperous and enterprising residents of this community. In addition to his store he owns sixty acres of farm land in the vicinity, which he rents out, and a fine house and residence lot in McCutchenville.

Mr. Bare has been twice married. His first union occurred at Melmore, Ohio, December 28, 1891, when he wedded Miss Anna Miller, who passed away in 1899, leaving three children, Zellah M., and Earl and Mearl, twins. On December 12, 1906, Mr. Bare married Miss Emma Carter, a daughter of Marion and Laura Carter, of Seneca county.

Mr. Bare is well known in local republican circles and has served as a member of the school board of Tymochtee township for one year. He has been postmaster of his town for seven years, discharging his duties in a most satisfactory manner. Both he and his wife attend the Methodist church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth and of many sterling traits of character.

HENRY F. GRAVES.

Henry F. Graves, whose business enterprise and spirit of initiative are shown in the excellent results which he has achieved, is one of the substantial and representative men in business life in Carey, where he is identified with practically every important enterprise or movement formulated in the city. He is president of one of the principal banks, president of the telephone company, and in fact is a dominat-



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ing factor in the general business life. He is a native of Ohio, born in Xenia, May 21, 1852, and is a son of Noah F. and Martha M. (Rhinehart) Graves. The father was a native of Virginia and came to Ohio with his parents in his early life. He was prominent as a stock dealer and his death occurred in June, 1859, when he was thirty-eight years of age. His widow makes her home in Findlay.

When Henry F. Graves was still a child his parents moved from Xenia to Findlay, where he attended the public schools. He began to earn his own livelihood at the age of fourteen, when he laid aside his books and secured employment as a farm laborer. He worked thus for four or five years and then obtained a position in Findlay, where he drove an express wagon for one year and then began clerking in a hardware store. He received in compensation for his services sixteen dollars per month for his first six months, then twenty, and after a half a year gradually rising to twenty-five. He lived upon this amount for five years. At the end of that time he moved to Carey and obtained a position in a hardware store. He was thus employed for seven years and then accepted a clerkship in the private banking house conducted by D. Straw & Son. Through successive stages of progress and advancement he worked his way upward in financial circles, gaining promotion after promotion and in 1890, when the elder Mr. Straw died, Mr. Graves and Harry Straw took charge of the bank. In 1895 Mr. Straw passed away and Mr. Graves took over the full management of the enterprise, conducting it as a private bank until 1902, when it was organized as a state institution with Mr. Graves as president, a position which he still holds. He has made this one of the sound, safe and conservative institutions of its kind in the city and in its management has evidenced the resourceful energy and far-sighted judgment of an able financier. Naturally a man of Mr. Graves' ability and conscientiousness has been carried forward into important relations with the general business life, for he always seeks to promote those enterprises which are of public benefit. Since the organization of the local telephone company he has been its president and he was the main instigator of the movement which resulted in the building by the city of a municipal water plant, much credit being due to him for the successful outcome of the project. He is one of the largest stockholders in the Carey Porcelain Works,

an institution which he was largely instrumental in organizing, and anything which tends to promote the business progress and advancement of Carey receives his unqualified indorsement and loyal support.

In August, 1882, Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Miss Nora A. DeWitt, a daughter of Joseph DeWitt, and to them were born two children, both of whom passed away in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Graves reside in a beautiful home on Main street in Carey and are well known in social circles of the city. Mr. Graves is a splendid example of the best type of self-made man and he possesses in his character all the energy, initiative and assurance of his class. His position in business circles today is entirely due to his own labors and he deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out as a boy empty-handed. He has closely studied the business conditions with which he has been connected, has improved his opportunities and upon the sure foundation of industry and close application has builded his advancement.

SAMUEL WIEST.

Agricultural interests of Wyandot county are well represented by Samuel Wiest, who owns and operates a well improved and valuable tract of four hundred and ninety-three acres in Pitt township. He was born in Marion county, August 20, 1857, and is a son of Christopher and Mary (Wilt) Wiest, the former a native of Germany and the latter of France. The father was born in the town of Basel in 1824 and was nine years of age when he came to America. His family settled in Ohio and there he grew to manhood, following farming during his active career. He passed away in 1900, having survived his wife since December 18, 1889. In their family were twelve children: Samuel, of this review; Lena; Caroline, who died in infancy; Louisa, Barbara, John, Caroline, the second of the name; Christina; Christopher, who passed away at the age of twenty-four; Maggie, Charles, and one child, who died in infancy.

Samuel Wiest attended the public schools of Little Sandusky until he was eighteen years of age and after laying aside

his books spent three years upon his father's farm. At the end of that time he purchased land of his own, buying one hundred and twenty acres in Hardin county, upon which he resided for nine years, trading it finally for eighty acres in Antrim township, Wyandot county, a portion of the farm upon which he still resides. Since that time he has added to his holdings until they now comprise four hundred and ninety-three acres, lying in Pitt township. Upon this property he has made substantial improvements in buildings and equipment and each year fine harvests of hay, corn, wheat and oats reward the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. Mr. Wiest gives much of his attention to stock-raising, keeping fourteen horses, one hundred and fifty hogs and five hundred sheep and making a specialty of breeding and raising high-grade Shorthorn cattle.

On the 24th of July, 1881, Mr. Wiest married, at Larue, Ohio, Miss Martha Alice Verden, a daughter of Henry H. and Mary (Ettecker) Verden. Mrs. Wiest passed away August 16, 1911, leaving one son, Floyd, who married Nellie Beers, of Marion county, by whom he has one child, Thelma M.

Mr. Wiest gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has served with ability and conscientiousness in various official positions, having been for twelve years township trustee, for seven years treasurer of the school board and for twelve years a school director. He belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees and is affiliated also with the Farmers Mutual Protective Association of Wyandot county. His strong and salient characteristics are such as endear him to all who come within the close circle of his friendship and wherever he is known he is respected and honored.

RALPH L. DUNLAP.

Ralph L. Dunlap, devoting his life to general agricultural pursuits, is now engaged in the cultivation of an excellent tract of land of one hundred and thirty-eight acres situated in Sycamore township. The neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his practical methods and careful supervision and his labors are being attended with substantial success. He was born in Texas township, Crawford county, Ohio, August

13, 1872, and is one of a large family of children whose parents were James and Mary (Liversberger) Dunlap. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1832 but was only three years of age when brought to Ohio, so that he was practically reared in this state. After he had attained his majority he purchased a tract of land in Eden township, Wyandot county, and became a successful farmer, carefully and systematically cultivating his fields until his labors were rewarded with generous harvests. He now lives in Texas township, Crawford county, but his wife, who was born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1830, died in 1895. Their children were as follows: Mrs. Florence Barrack, a widow residing in Tiffin, Ohio, has three children: James, Cora and Inez. Laura became the wife of Scott Hazlitt, a farmer, and they lost one child. Jennie is the deceased wife of William Tuttle. Elmer, a retired farmer, married Jennie Miller and has two children, Harry and Lloyd. Sidney, proprietor of a livery stable, married Lizzie Myers. Minnie died in 1889. Elva is the wife of Horace Miller, a real-estate dealer, and they have three children: Earl, Beulah and Gorman.

The other member of the family is Ralph L. Dunlap, whose name introduces this record. He was reared in Crawford county and pursued his education in the district schools there until nineteen years of age. He began providing for his own support by working as a farm hand and later he was employed in a mill in Shelby until 1900. He then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, renting one hundred and thirty-eight acres of land from his father-in-law. He has been very successful in his farming operations, annually gathering good crops of hay, corn and wheat, which he sells on the local market. He also has from thirty to fifty head of hogs upon his place and other stock usually found upon a model farm.

On the 14th of February, 1894, near Sycamore, Mr. Dunlap was united in marriage to Miss Maud Badger, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Saffell) Badger, who were farming people of Sycamore township. The children of this marriage are two daughters, Mildred and Mabel. The parents hold membership in the Reformed church and their lives are passed in consistent harmony with their principles. Mr. Dunlap is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and he votes with the democratic party but he never seeks nor desires office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs.

He has an attractive modern home and his farm is equipped with the latest improved machinery and all up-to-date accessories, enabling him to conduct the farm work in the best possible manner. He is energetic and industrious, and his carefully directed labors are bringing to him well earned success.

HENRY LINCOLN KUENZLI.

Henry Lincoln Kuenzli, of the firm of Kuenzli Brothers, manufacturers of drain tile and retail hardware dealers, at Nevada, Wyandot county, Ohio, was born at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, April 21, 1865. He is the third son of Frederick and Josephine (Hochstetler) Kuenzli. The father, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Ramsier) Kuenzli, the former born in 1790 in Canton Bern, Switzerland, was a native of that country, born in Canton Bern, May 23, 1834, and emigrated to America with his parents in his infancy. The family settled in Holmes county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, removing to Upper Sandusky, Wyandot county, Ohio, shortly after his marriage, which occurred March 18, 1859, at Navarre, Ohio. His death occurred December 23, 1891. The ancestry of the Kuenzli family has honorable mention in the history and military records of Switzerland, among them being Colonel Joseph Kuenzli, who served his country gallantly in suppression of an insurrection, and was rewarded with promotion to high official position in the national government.

The mother was a member of the Hochstetler family, whose genealogy is traced back for six generations, the number of her father's family (Elias Hochstetler) being 2,207. His ancestor was Jacob Hochstetler, who was born in the highlands of Germany, along the Rhine, and who emigrated to America, and arrived at Philadelphia, September 1, 1736, as recorded in the history of the Hochstetler family, which volume includes one thousand one hundred and ninety-one pages, and contains a biography of over ten thousand individuals, together with much interesting religious and historical matter. The mother was born April 18, 1839, near Walnut Creek, Holmes county, Ohio, and died December 11, 1905, at Nevada, Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation and

also a tanner by trade. In their family were ten children: Frederick, deceased; Sophia, now Mrs. E. G. Blaser, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; Edward S., who is the partner of our subject in the business enterprises above noted; Henry L., of this review; Clara, deceased; Charles A., now a student for the ministry at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio; John W. deceased; William T., a farmer residing in Eden township; Grace V., now Mrs. W. G. Milligan, also of Eden township; and Elmer D., employed as clerk with the firm as above given.

H. L. Kuenzli, in the acquirement of his education, attended the public schools at Upper Sandusky, and the country schools, continuing with his parents and assisting with the work upon the farm until his twenty-third year, when, with his brother-in-law, E. G. Blaser, and his brother, Edward S., was formed the firm of Blaser & Kuenzli Brothers. The then new firm from which Mr. Blaser retired in 1902, assumed ownership and management of the drain tile manufacturing industry at Nevada, Ohio, on the first day of April, 1888, to which the hardware business was added in 1894, and both of which enterprises, since the retirement of Mr. Blaser, have been successfully continued by the two brothers under the well known firm name of Kuenzli Brothers.

Mr. Kuenzli was married November 26, 1890, by Rev. D. H. Wonder, in Eden township, to Viola B., daughter of S. M. and Hester A. (Bowlby) Sigler. Mrs. Kuenzli, who was born in Antrim township, Wyandot county, Ohio, January 12, 1870, was educated in the district schools, and for several years prior to her marriage was engaged in teaching. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kuenzli are: Ruth B., born September 11, 1891, a graduate of both the Nevada and Upper Sandusky high schools, and now a student in Oberlin College in the third year of a classical course; and Thaddeus G., born June 21, 1908, a bright and active child of five years.

Mr. Kuenzli gives his allegiance to the republican party and has actively participated in public life in his community, doing much to promote its interests. Fraternally, he has been a Knight of Pythias for twenty-four years, while in the Masonic order he holds membership with Nevada Lodge, No. 343, F. & A. M. and Nevada Chapter, No. 186, R. A. M., and has attained the rank of a Knight Templar, belonging to the Marion Commandery, No. 36. His religion is that of the Evangelical church, and for thirty years he has been a member

of Salem parish in Eden township. Above all other associations, and above all other institutions, Mr. Kuenzli holds high and is distinctively devoted to his home. Therein his beliefs are centered on the highest interests of life, and to the companion of his life and home he freely ascribes full credit for any success to which he may have attained.

EUGENE STRAW.

Eugene Straw owns and operates a fine farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres on section 31, Pitt township, constituting the homestead upon which he was born. By constant supervision and practical methods of operation he has made this a valuable and productive property and in its cultivation, as in all business affairs, has met with that success which follows earnest, straightforward and persistent labor. His birth occurred on the 11th of June, 1854, and he is a son of Louis and Rebecca (Miller) Straw, the former a native of Vermont and the latter of Kentucky. The father came to Ohio when he was still a young man and settled in Pitt township, where he turned his attention to general farming, an occupation which he followed until his death in 1889. The mother has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1879. Louis Straw had been twice married. His first union was with Miss Moody, who died one year after their marriage, leaving one child, Dudley. By his union with the mother of the subject of this review he had eight children, Caroline, Eugene, Leander, Edith, Cannie, Lenora and Lemora, twins, and Catherine.

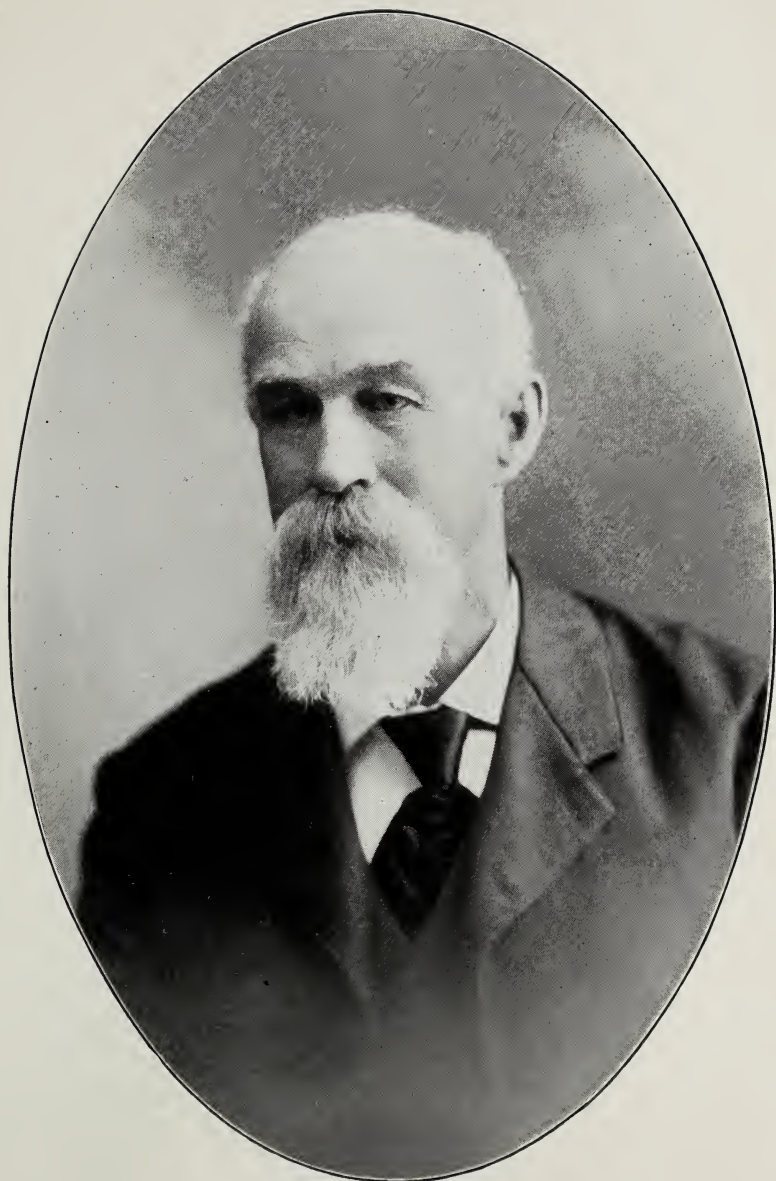
Eugene Straw acquired his education in the district schools of Pitt township and spent his summers assisting his father with the work of the farm. When he was eighteen he laid aside his books and for some time thereafter continued upon the homestead, but in 1881 moved to his father-in-law's property, where he remained for ten years. At the expiration of that time he purchased the old homestead and upon this he has now resided since 1892. It comprises three hundred and seventy-five acres lying in Marseilles and Pitt townships, most of the property being located on section 31, Pitt township, and it is a well improved, valuable and productive property, its neat and attractive appearance evidencing the care-

ful supervision and practical labor he has bestowed upon it. In addition to tilling the fields and raising hay, corn and oats, which form his principal crops, Mr. Straw is also extensively interested in stock-raising, specializing in the breeding of sheep and hogs, of which he has about three hundred each. These he sells in the local markets, where they command a high price and a ready sale. He owns besides the farm upon which he resides another on section 6, Pitt township, and on sections 1 and 3, Marseilles township, and is one of the extensive land-owners in this vicinity.

On the 1st of February, 1877, Mr. Straw married, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Miss Ada Bowen, a daughter of Gideon and Deborah (Wooley) Bowen, of that city, the former one of the oldest settlers of Wyandot county. He settled here the year after the Indians had left this section of the state and plowed and planted oats upon the property where the Wyandot county courthouse now stands. Mr. and Mrs. Straw, having no children of their own, have adopted a son, Curtis. Mr. Straw is politically identified with the republican party, having served as township trustee and as a member of the school board. He is one of the best known and most widely popular men in the southern part of Wyandot county and his place in the favorable regard of the community has come to him by reason of his honorable, straightforward and upright life and his high standards of business and personal integrity. Many of his stanchest friends have known him from childhood and to them his name is a synonym for honor in business, loyalty in citizenship and fidelity to all the duties and obligations of life.

PHILIP UNCAPHER.

Philip Uncapher has, since 1886, been connected with important mercantile interests in Marseilles, where as head of the firm of Philip Uncapher & Son he is now in control of a large and well managed business enterprise. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of December, 1846, and is a son of Andrew and Mary A. (Horrel) Uncapher, both of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The father was born in Westmoreland county in 1811 and acquired an excellent education in the schools of that vicinity. After laying



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aside his books he was for a few years employed as a book-keeper and he then turned his attention to the tanner's trade, which he followed until 1860, when he came west, settling in Marseilles township, Wyandot county, Ohio. Here he purchased four hundred acres of land and gave his entire attention to its improvement and development for many years, becoming one of the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of the community. He died in the fall of 1861 and was survived by his wife for some time. In their family were the following children: Theodore, Philip, Joseph, Jackson, Mary, George, John, John T. and Sarah E.

Philip Uncapher spent his childhood upon his father's farm in Marseilles township, dividing his time between work upon the homestead and attendance at the district school. After he laid aside his books he remained with his father until after the latter's death in 1861, when he inherited eighty acres of land, to which he subsequently added eighty more. He developed and improved this fine property until 1886, but in that year turned his attention to business pursuits, forming a partnership with his brother, Theodore. Together they opened a general store in Marseilles and they built up in the course of years a well managed and profitable enterprise, both continuing active in its conduct until 1911, when Theodore passed away. His interest was purchased by Philip Uncapher's son, Ernest, and the business was reorganized under the firm name of Philip Uncapher & Son. The firm carries a well selected stock of goods, valued at ten thousand dollars, and controls a large and continually growing trade, which is accorded to them in recognition of the fine quality of the goods which they handle, their reasonable prices and their earnest desire to please their patrons.

On the 21st of August, 1873, Mr. Uncapher was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Modd, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wing) Modd, natives of England, who in 1851 came to America, settling in Logan county, Ohio, where the father followed farming for some time. Afterward they removed to Hardin county where he still lives retired. Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher became the parents of three children. The eldest, Ernest M., is a partner with his father in the mercantile business in Marseilles. He married Miss Sarah A. Young. Philip, Jr., resides upon his father's farm in Marseilles township. He married Miss Blanche E. Starnes, and they have two chil-

dren, Mary E. and Theodore. Chastina married Oris Jones, a teacher in the country school. The family of Mr. Uncapher are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has for a long time been well known in local politics and has held some important official positions, including those of justice of the peace, township trustee and a member of the school board. Having resided in Marseilles or the vicinity for many years, he is widely and favorably known here as a man who in business, in citizenship and in all the relations of life has steadfastly adhered to high standards of thought and action, winning in the course of years a success which places him today among the substantial merchants and representative citizens.

MICHAEL G. SCHOENBERGER.

Michael G. Schoenberger, a retired agriculturist residing on section 20, Salem township, has been a resident of Wyandot county throughout practically his entire life and has witnessed the growth and development of the region during the past two-thirds of a century. Throughout his active business career he followed farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale and is still the owner of four hundred and thirty acres of valuable land in Salem township as well as two fine residences in Upper Sandusky. His birth occurred in Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, on the 2d of May, 1845, his parents being George and Caroline (Long) Schoenberger, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. George Schoenberger, whose natal year was 1818, crossed the Atlantic when a young man of eighteen and took up his abode in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained for five years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Wayne county, Ohio. He was engaged in business as a distiller until twenty-six years of age. In 1847 he came to Wyandot county and here devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, passing away on the 23d of June, 1897. The period of his residence in this county covered a half century and in his passing the community lost a pioneer whose labors had been

a factor in the work of progress and upbuilding here. For more than a third of a century he had survived his wife, who was called to her final rest on the 12th of November, 1862, at the age of thirty-nine. Their children were as follows: Michael G., of this review; Joseph, deceased; Samuel; John and George, twins, of whom the latter has passed away; Caroline and Emaline, twins; Susan; Amos; George; David; and one who died in infancy.

Michael G. Schoenberger began his education in the district schools of Salem township as a lad of ten years but spent only from three to six weeks each year at his studies, which were continued in this desultory manner until he had attained the age of eighteen. Though his educational advantages were limited, he has constantly augmented his knowledge by reading, experience and observation and is a well informed man. He assisted his father in the work of the home farm until twenty-one years of age and during the following three years was employed as a farm hand, receiving a wage of one dollar per day. At the age of twenty-four years he was married, his wife owning a half interest in a tract of ninety-six acres in Tymochtee township, to the cultivation of which he devoted his attention for nine years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and purchased one hundred and forty-seven acres of land in Salem township. As time passed and his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he augmented his holdings by additional purchase and now owns four valuable farms on sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, Salem township, comprising four hundred and thirty acres of land. In connection with the cultivation of cereals he raised and fed stock on an extensive scale, making a specialty of cattle, sheep and hogs. At the present time he is enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. He owns two handsome residences in Upper Sandusky and well deserves a place among the substantial and representative citizens of this county.

On the 8th of April, 1869, in Salem township, Mr. Schoenberger was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret Altveter, her parents being Theobald and Mary Altveter, farming people of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Schoenberger are the parents of seven children, as follows: Louis, a merchant of Marion, Ohio, who wedded Miss Ella Kimmel, who passed away in 1911, leaving two children, Esther and Russell; Edward, a

farmer of Salem township, who married Miss Lecfe Weber and has one child, Wave; Ira, an agriculturist of Salem township, who married Miss Olga Weis and has one child, Foster; Albert, an agriculturist of Salem township, who wedded Miss Carrie Schlup and has two children, Gale and Cleve; Charles, a farmer of Salem township, who wedded Miss Mary Pfeiffer and has one child, Frieda; Michael, an agriculturist of Salem township, who married Miss Tillie Binau and has two children, Mary M. and Paul; and Arthur, who is a school teacher and bookkeeper of Lima, Ohio.

In his political views Mr. Schoenberger is a democrat, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. He served on the school board in Salem township for nine years and for a period of five years acted as trustee of that township. Though not a member of any religious organization, he attends the services of the Reformed church. His memory forms a connecting link between the pioneer past and the progressive present. During his early life here the district was still largely covered with timber and he vividly remembers assisting his father in clearing the land, hauling the logs by ox team out of the clearing and then piling them up to burn. His mother also assisted in the task of clearing and splitting fence rails, bravely doing her part to establish a home in the wilderness. Michael G. Schoenberger has lived to witness the result and enjoy the reward of their combined labors and is honored as a pioneer whose efforts were an important factor in the growth and upbuilding of the community. He is still hale and hearty, enjoying excellent health for one of his years, and in the evening of a well spent life is surrounded by material comforts and many friends.

MYRON R. EMPTAGE.

Myron R. Emptage, prominently connected with farming interests as part owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 17, Marseilles township, and with business interests as the founder and proprietor of a large farm implement depot in Marseilles, is a native of this part of Wyandot county, born May 17, 1878. He is a son of Thomas and Mary

J. (Atkinson) Emptage, natives of Ohio, the former born in Richland county, on the 24th of October, 1836, and the latter in Tuscarawas county, on the 23d of December, 1840. The father, who was for many years a prominent and substantial farmer of Wyandot county, is now living retired, and makes his home in Marseilles. He and his wife became the parents of four children. Ina J. married J. C. Rubins, a ranch owner in California. He died in 1901, leaving four children, Lula E., Paul F., Charlotte and Homer J. Mrs. Rubins makes her home in Marseilles. James A. is engaged in farming in Marseilles township. He married Anna Rubins, and they have seven children, Carrie, Blanche, Dwight, Harold, Edward, Donald and Mildred. Mary passed away in 1897. Myron R. is the subject of this review.

The public schools of Marseilles township afforded Myron R. Emptage his educational opportunities and in his childhood he divided his time between his studies and work upon his father's homestead. At the age of nineteen he laid aside his books but continued to assist his father until he and his brother, James A., purchased the homestead of one hundred and sixty acres, which they farmed in partnership until 1912, when Myron R. Emptage left the farm and came to Marseilles. He is still interested in the property, however, and upon it fine crops of hay, corn and oats are raised, Mr. Emptage being in addition specially interested in the raising of pure bred Merino Delaine sheep, of which he has at present about one hundred head. He is also a breeder on an extensive scale of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs and has a large number of these animals. In 1912 he opened in Marseilles a farm implement depot, which he has since conducted, and the business has grown in a remarkable way, the stock being now valued at five thousand dollars. A large and lucrative patronage has been accorded to him, for the excellent quality of the goods which he handles has become widely known, as has also his straightforward business methods and his honorable dealings.

Mr. Emptage married, in Marseilles, on the 15th of April, 1900, Miss Nellie E. Clark, a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, of that village. Mr. and Mrs. Emptage are members of the Methodist church and well known in social and religious circles. Mr. Emptage is honored as a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served for eight months during that conflict as a member of Company B, Second Ohio Volunteer

Infantry. He was also orderly for John A. Logan, Jr., and in this capacity served in Cuba for about forty days, receiving his honorable discharge on the 12th of February, 1899. He belongs to the American and Delaine Merino Record Association of Delaware, Ohio. Politically he gives his allegiance to the republican party and is interested in all that pertains to the general progress, cooperating in many movements for the good of the community and proving himself at all times a public-spirited and progressive citizen as well as an able business man and a successful farmer.

FRANCIS F. HOFFMAN.

Francis F. Hoffman is operating the farm in Crane township upon which he was born, and in the conduct of his business affairs is meeting with that gratifying measure of success which always rewards earnest and intelligently directed labor. His birth occurred on the 23d of December, 1869, his parents being Eli and Rebecca (Reiter) Hoffman, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born July 29, 1826, and the latter in 1829. The father came to Ohio in pioneer times, making the journey by wagon from Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm in Crane township, from which he cleared the heavy growth of timber in order to break the virgin soil. With the lumber cut down he erected with his own hands a log cabin and barn and continued to reside upon the property for many years, eventually replacing the original dwelling with a modern residence. He has been identified with much of the growth and development of this section of the state and is classed among the prominent and representative citizens. He has now retired from active life and has made his home with his son since 1896. His wife passed away in 1909. They were the parents of ten children: Henrietta L.; Marie; Levi W.; James W., who died at the age of three years; Hannah L.; Stephen S.; Samuel; Robert M.; Francis F., of this review; and Cora.

In the acquirement of an education, Francis F. Hoffman attended district school in Crane township, laying aside his books at the age of eighteen, after which he worked upon his father's farm until he was twenty-one, in which year he went

to Columbus, Ohio. He worked in that city for one year and then returned home and joined his father in the conduct of the family homestead, operating it with him on shares for three years. At the end of that time he purchased the property and has since been very successful in its further development. He owns eighty acres of land on section 27 and raises hay, corn, oats and wheat, which he sells in the markets of Upper Sandusky. In addition to the work of the fields he makes a specialty of breeding cattle, horses and hogs, and is widely recognized as one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

On March 13, 1892, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage, at Upper Sandusky, to Miss Maud I. Tschanen, a daughter of Peter and Anna (Smalley) Tschanen, the former a prominent farmer of Crane township. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman became the parents of a daughter, Ruth Almira, who was born June 7, 1893, and who died April 23, 1899.

Mr. Hoffman attends the German Lutheran church but does not hold membership in any religious organization. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. Residing in Crane township since his birth, he is widely known here and the measure of respect accorded him indicates that his life has been an honorable and upright one. In his business career he has placed his dependence upon the substantial qualities of perseverance, determination and ready use of opportunity, and in the conduct of his farm has, therefore, met with signal success.

EDWIN R. LESLIE.

Edwin R. Leslie is an enterprising and progressive young farmer of Mifflin township, owning and operating eighty acres of land on section 22. He is a native son of Wyandot county, born in Upper Sandusky, February 25, 1887, his parents being Harmon and Sarah (Lindsey) Leslie, natives of Marion county, the former born in 1852 and the latter in 1849. Their marriage occurred in 1880 and to their union were born two children: James W., who married Sylvia E. Gamble in 1904; and Edwin R., of this review. The father of our subject

passed away September 19, 1895, and on March 1, 1900, his widow married F. M. Chenoweth, who died October 24, 1904.

Edwin R. Leslie acquired his early education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky, and supplemented this by a course in the Delaware Business College, from which he was graduated November 28, 1905. He afterward worked one year with the Brown Hoisting Machine Company in Cleveland and then removed on to a farm in Mifflin township, whereon he has since resided. He owns eighty acres of land, with substantial improvements, including a good residence, barns and granaries, and by constant and well directed work he has made this one of the fine agricultural properties of the locality. Excellent crops of corn and oats annually reward the care and labor he bestows upon the fields and his land is well improved and highly developed.

On the 15th of March, 1907, Mr. Leslie was united in marriage, in Mifflin township, to Miss Bertha E. Fox, a daughter of Frank M. and Julia Fox. They have three children, Letta L., Frank H. and Fred E. Mr. Leslie gives his allegiance to the republican party and fraternally is affiliated with the Masons. He is a devout member of the Methodist church and is well known and highly esteemed throughtout Wyandot county, where he has spent his entire life.

MYRON V. CASE.

Myron V. Case, who since his childhood has been a resident of Wyandot county, is now a partner in the grocery firm of Case & McLain. South Dakota numbers him among her native sons, for he was born at Redfield, that state, December 29, 1884, a son of Francis O. and Lydia (Foucht) Case. The father was born in Trumbull county, Ohio, in 1847, and spent his entire active life engaged in farming, following that occupation in Ohio, Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska and dying in the latter state in 1909. The mother was born in Perry county, Ohio, in 1850 and passed away in 1887. In their family were three children, Pliny W., Carl C. and Myron V.

After the death of his mother, which occurred when he was only two years of age, Myron V. Case became a member of the household of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Kotter-



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man, of Pitt township, with whom he grew to manhood. He acquired his early education in the district schools and when he was seventeen years of age entered the summer school in Upper Sandusky, which he attended for two terms. This was followed by a six months' course at the Ada Business College, after which he began teaching, an occupation which he followed in the district and village schools of Wyandot county for about ten years. At the end of that time he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, forming in 1912 a partnership with E. F. McLain and organized the present grocery firm of Case & McLain. In the intervening year they have built up an enviable business and are today ranked among the leading grocers of the town. Their trade is extensive and they cater to the best patronage, carrying a large and well selected line of staple and fancy groceries. Mr. Case is in addition a stockholder in the Buckeye Foundry & Machine Company.

On September 22, 1910, in Antrim township, Mr. Case was united in marriage to Miss Iva Ritterspach, a daughter of Simon and Eliza Ritterspach, the former a well known farmer of Antrim township. Mr. and Mrs. Case are the parents of a son, Robert Donald. Mr. Case belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men and while he was engaged in teaching was president of the Wyandot County Teachers' Institute and secretary of the Ohio Teachers' Reading Circle. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party, and is a devout member of the Reformed church. He is a man of exemplary habits, strict integrity and strong personality and is well known in the county, holding the high esteem of all who have business and social relations with him.

EARL FOUCHT McCLAIN.

Earl Foucht McClain, a partner in the firm of Case & McClain of Upper Sandusky, proprietors of one of the leading grocery stores of the city, was born on the 28th of June, 1885, in Pitt township, Wyandot county, and is a son of A. L. and Alvena (Foucht) McClain, the former a representative of one of the old families of the county, having been born and

reared in the locality in which his entire life has been spent. His wife was born at the place where she now resides. In their family were six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom are yet living in Wyandot county and are with their parents save one son, who is a resident of Lima, Ohio. In order of birth the children are Earl Foucht, Franklin E., Blanch Margarite, Thomas W., Catherine E. and Luke.

Earl McClain attended the public schools until twenty years of age and then began farming for himself, being thus engaged for five years. He then took charge of his father's farm, which he managed for a year, and on the expiration of that period he entered into partnership with Myron V. Case, of Upper Sandusky, in the conduct of a grocery business. They are among the most popular firms in the beautiful little city where they conduct their store. Both are young men and liked because of their many excellent traits of character. Mr. McClain is energetic, ambitious and enterprising and it takes no gift of prophesy to recognize that his will be a successful future. It is such young men who push forward the wheels of progress, discarding old for new conditions, thus promoting the development and upbuilding of the community. He has a host of warm friends and wherever known is held in high esteem.

CHARLES H. MEINZER.

Charles H. Meinzer, carrying on general farming on section 1, Mifflin township, was born in Germany, February 8, 1857. His father, Charles F. Meinzer, also a native of that country, was born in 1812 and there wedded Katherine Hager, a native of Germany, born in 1822. In the year 1861 they crossed the Atlantic to America, settling in Wyandot county, Ohio, where the father followed the occupation of farming. His wife died in 1878 and he survived until 1893, having for thirty-one years been a resident of Wyandot county. In their family were the following named: Frederick married Martha Rocky, who died in 1901, leaving one child, and since then he has wedded Dora Messmer. William, the second son, married Catherine Smith and died in 1877, leaving one child. Caroline became the wife of Peter Binau and died in 1892, leaving one

child. Louisa is the widow of John Bartholomew, who died in 1890, leaving four children. Pauline became the wife of Henry Smith and died in 1885, leaving five children. Charles H. is the next in the family. Phillip married Susie Bower and has three children. John married Emma Clinger.

Upon the old homestead in Mifflin township, Charles H. Meinzer spent his youthful days, between the ages of four and twenty-one years, and during that period was a pupil in the public schools but afterward worked upon a farm, thus starting out in life on his own account. He carefully saved his earnings until the same were sufficient to enable him to purchase forty acres of land in 1880. This he cleared and there he built a home in 1883, cultivating and improving this farm until 1892, when he sold it and invested in one hundred and sixty acres on sections 35 and 36, Salem township, and on section 1, Mifflin township, his home being across the line in the latter township. In 1913 he added forty-three acres to his holdings which are located on section 12, Mifflin township. He has a well developed property, making a specialty of the raising of hay, wheat, corn, oats and sugar beets and annually he gathers good crops, for he follows practical and progressive methods of farming, rotating his crops and keeping the soil in excellent condition. He also has fourteen head of cattle and fifty hogs, and sells the products of his farm in the local market. He likewise owns three good residences in Upper Sandusky and has been a successful and enterprising business man whose prosperity has been the direct result of well directed labor. When his first farm came into his possession it was covered with stumps and alone he performed the task of clearing it, as he had previously cleared most of the land which his father bought. While his work was of a very arduous nature in clearing his fields and preparing them for the plow, he remembers those days as the happiest period of his life.

On the 25th of April, 1882, at Tiffin, Ohio, Mr. Meinzer was united in marriage to Miss Lena Hunker, who died in 1889, and on the 5th of July, 1894, in Mifflin township, he wedded Miss Minnie Zimmerman, who came from Germany in 1882, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Zimmerman. Her father was a cabinet-maker, who died in 1875, in Germany, where his wife had passed away in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Meinzer have become the parents of three sons: Roy, Arthur and Carl.

In politics Mr. Meinzer is an independent democrat, frequently voting with the party yet supporting men and measures without regard to party connection if his judgment deems this the wisest step. He served as school director for three years and is interested in the cause of progressive education. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. Such is the life history of one of Wyandot county's self-made men. He certainly deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, as his prosperity is the direct result of earnest, indefatigable effort. His example should serve to encourage and inspire others, showing what may be accomplished when industry and ambition lead the way.

SAMUEL W. ALTHOUSE.

Samuel W. Althouse, a prominent tile manufacturer and farmer of Marseilles township, is a native of Ohio, born in Crane township, Wyandot county, February 21, 1853. His father, Christian Althouse, was born in Canton Bern, Switzerland, on the 20th of August, 1821, and when he was thirteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to America, settling immediately in Holmes county, Ohio, where he remained for twelve years. In 1847 he moved to Wyandot county, becoming numbered among the pioneers in this part of the state, and he carried on general agricultural pursuits upon his farm in Crane township until his death, which occurred in 1886. He married, on the 24th of March, 1851, Miss Anna Gerrich, who was born in Switzerland on the 8th of July, 1827. She came to America in 1849, settling immediately in Wyandot county, where she died March 25, 1887. She was a devout member of the German Reformed church. In this family were eleven children: Lizzie, who has passed away; Samuel W., of this review; Harriett; John; Caroline; Carl; Mary, who died in 1901; William; George, who has passed away; Emma, whose death occurred January 19, 1910; and Alvin.

Samuel W. Althouse attended school in Crane township until he was sixteen years of age and from his early childhood assisted with the work of the homestead, becoming a skilful and practical agriculturist. After laying aside his books he remained with his father upon the farm until after he had

attained his majority, when he turned his attention to the carpenter's trade, working at it for five years and afterward engaging in the sawmill business. In 1892, after ten years in the latter occupation, he purchased a tile plant in Mar-seilles township and this he has since operated, building up a profitable and growing business by reason of his industry, his business discrimination and his excellent organizing ability. In addition to his manufacturing interests he has also valuable land holdings in this township and is a prosperous farmer, his one hundred and sixty acres, located on sections 15 and 16, constituting one of the finest agricultural properties in this vicinity. He has made substantial improvements upon it and gives a great deal of time to the cultivation of his fields, harvesting fine crops of hay, corn, oats and wheat. Aside from this he is also an extensive stock-raiser, feeding seventy-five head of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs, fifty sheep and about eight horses and selling his animals in the local markets. He has made this a very remunerative department of his farm, to the development of which he gives careful and practical attention, being known as one of the most progressive and able farmers in this locality.

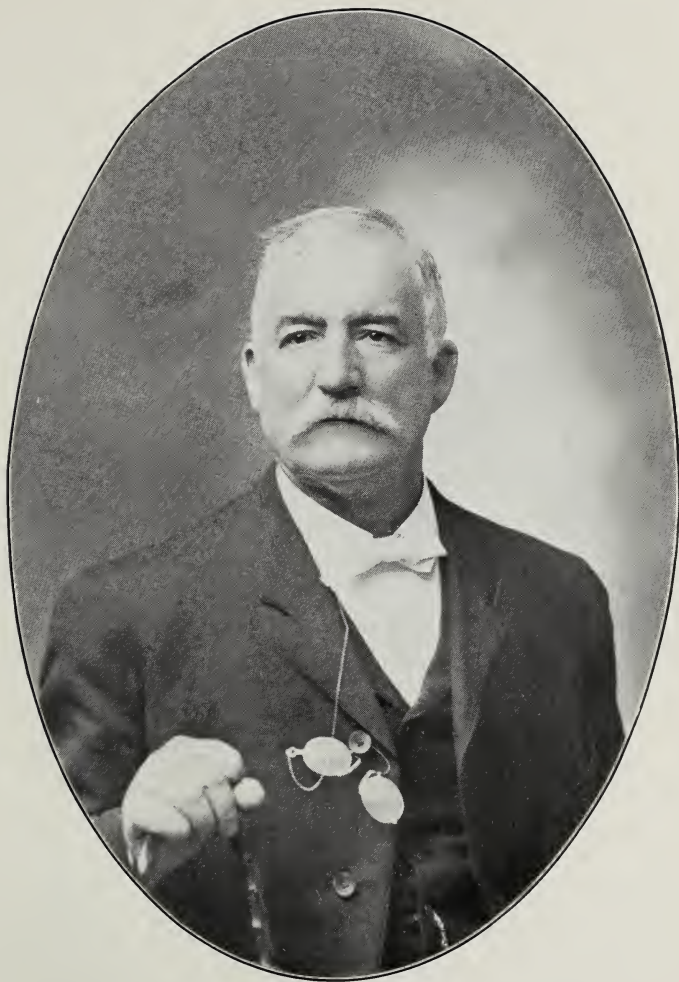
On the 6th of May, 1880, in Upper Sandusky, Mr. Althouse married Miss Catherine Mahle, a daughter of John and Anna M. (Meyer) Mahle, residents of Mifflin township. The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 14th of March, 1823, and spent his boyhood days in his native country, coming to America when he was a young man. He settled in Ohio, where he early made a reputation as a straightforward, honorable and reliable business man, gaining the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He married Anna Mary Meyer in Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 17th of January, 1856, and with her spent over fifty years of a happy wedded life. She also was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, her birth having occurred on the 23d of December, 1827, and she came to America in 1852, settling in Bucyrus and later moving to Mifflin township where she passed away when she was eighty-four years of age. She was a devout member of the Bethany Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Althouse became the parents of four children. Elnora H. married F. W. Ulrich, a farmer in Salem township, and they have three children, Frieda E., Florence M. and Wayne L. Matilda, Allen D. and Harley F. live at home, the latter being engaged in teaching.

Mr. Althouse is a member of the Presbyterian church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party, having served for fifteen years as councilman of Marseilles village and as a member of the school board for five years. He is widely known throughout this section of the county, where he has so long resided, and his many sterling qualities of mind and character command the respect and esteem of the entire community.

JOSEPH F. WONDER.

Joseph F. Wonder, since 1900 justice of the peace in Carey and since 1902 health officer, is numbered among the early residents in the city where for well over a quarter of a century his activities have been a force in business and political advancement. He was born in Flat Rock township, Seneca county, November 10, 1842, and is a son of Mathias and Catherine (Fowl) Wonder, the former born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Germany. The father settled in Seneca county when he was twelve years of age and grew to manhood there, later engaging in farming, an occupation which he followed until his death, in 1898. His wife, who came to America when she was seven years of age, took up her residence in Seneca county and there resided until her death, which occurred when she was in her eighty-second year. In their family were the following children: Joseph F., George F., Sarah C., Henry, May E., Margaret, Eva R., Jacob, Laura R. and Louis N.

Joseph F. Wonder acquired his education in the district schools of Crawford township, Wyandot county, and attended a select school, fitting himself for teaching, an occupation which he followed for two terms. Upon the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Forty-Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and after serving four months was wounded and discharged for disability. During his term of service he was once taken prisoner and placed in the famous Libby prison, from which he escaped. After his discharge Mr. Wonder returned to Ohio and in 1886 turned his attention to sawmilling, an occupation which he followed successfully for five years. His public career began in 1882,



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when he was elected marshal of Carey, a position which he held two years, after which he was made constable, discharging his duties efficiently and conscientiously for four years. He has been since 1900 justice of the peace in Carey and in 1902 added to his duties those of health officer, in both of which capacities his work is able, conscientious and discriminating. He is connected as a stockholder with the Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Carey and owns some valuable real estate in the city, including his fine residence.

Mr. Wonder has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Melinda M. Miller, whom he wedded on the 28th of October, 1868. She died in 1890, leaving one child, Arthur E., who passed away when he was twenty-two years of age. On the 30th of November, 1893, Mr. Wonder married Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Sommers, a widow with one child, James Grant Sommers. Mrs. Wonder is a daughter of James Hibbins, who had the distinction of being the first male white child born in Wyandot county.

Mr. Wonder gives his political allegiance to the democratic party, and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias and Carey Post, No. 173, G. A. R. He is now in his seventy-first year but in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime, and his upright, honorable and well spent life has gained him the respect and esteem of all who have been in any way associated with him.

IRA J. MONTROSS.

Ira J. Montross, successfully engaged in general merchandising in Mexico, was born in Seneca county, February 5, 1871, his parents being Charles W. and Mary E. (Raively) Montross. The father, a native of New York state, was born February 22, 1848, and was five years of age when he was brought to Seneca county. There he grew to manhood and after completing his education followed the trade of a laborer. He now makes his home in Mexico, Tymochtee township. His wife is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1841. They are the parents of five children, Charles, Ida, Mary, Arthur and Ira J.

Ira J. Montross acquired his education in the district schools of Tymochtee township, which he attended until he

was twenty-three years of age, after which he spent one summer in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. When he had laid aside his books he engaged in farming on shares and his ability along this line enabled him to continue his labors successfully until 1911, when he turned his attention to commercial pursuits, opening a general store at Mexico. His stock is valued at one thousand dollars and he carries a complete and well selected line of goods which are tastefully and attractively arranged. In recognition of his straightforward and reliable business methods Mr. Montross enjoys an extensive and steadily increasing patronage and is already known as a prosperous and progressive merchant and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Montross has been twice married. His first union was with Miss Ida Rosier, of McCutchenville, whom he wedded at Upper Sandusky, April 12, 1894. They were the parents of four children, three of whom died in infancy. The other is a daughter, Verna. Mr. Montross' first wife died in 1906 and on December 4, 1909, he married Miss Mary Tallman, a daughter of George W. and Melissa Tallman. To this union has been born a son, Klahr.

Mr. Montross in his political views is independent of all lines and parties. In the short time during which he has been identified with mercantile interests in Mexico he has won a gratifying measure of success, for he has sought prosperity through legitimate channels of trade and has based his claims to recognition upon honorable and upright business methods.

EDWARD O. GOTTFRIED.

No farmer in Wyandot county has achieved greater success in agricultural pursuits than Edward O. Gottfried, whose attractive homestead lies in Salem township. A native of Ohio, he was born in Upper Sandusky, April 29, 1877, a son of George Adam Gottfried, who left his native country of Germany in 1847 and came to the United States, settling in Salem township, Wyandot county. He opened a brickyard and a tile factory in Upper Sandusky, and his energy, perseverance and adherence to high commercial ethics soon made

him prominent and successful. He retired from active life in 1892 and died in Upper Sandusky in 1904.

Edward O. Gottfried acquired his education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky and when he was seventeen years of age he and his brother Aaron Franklin assumed the management of the farm which their father owned in Salem township and conducted it profitably for twelve years. In 1909 Mr. Gottfried of this review purchased a farm and has since operated this enterprise. He has made substantial improvements upon the property, has built a good house, barns and outbuildings, and a great deal of his time is occupied with the work of further development. In all of his business affairs he is determined and energetic, brooking no obstacles that can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort. As a result success has rewarded his labors and he stands today in the front ranks of progressive agriculturists.

In 1909 Mr. Gottfried was united in marriage to Miss Edna May Ulrich, a daughter of Michael Ulrich, and they have one son, Dale Edward, born February 8, 1911. The parents are devout members of the German Lutheran church and are interested in its work and in all that pertains to the welfare of the community. Their good qualities of mind and character have gained for them the friendship of many and the high regard of all who know them while the business record of Mr. Gottfried commends him to the confidence of his associates for he is at all times reliable and straightforward.

LAWRENCE J. MOORE.

Lawrence J. Moore, engaged in the auctioneering business in Wyandot county, his home being in Upper Sandusky, was born in Belmont county, Ohio, on the 21st of June, 1872. His father, James Moore, was also born in the neighborhood where his son's birth occurred, his natal year being 1824. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary J. Marlow, was born in Richland county, Ohio, in 1837. She remained a widow for a number of years after the death of her first husband and in 1904 became the wife of Solomon Berry, a widower, who was a pioneer settler of Wyandot county, but who died in the same year. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Moore were two

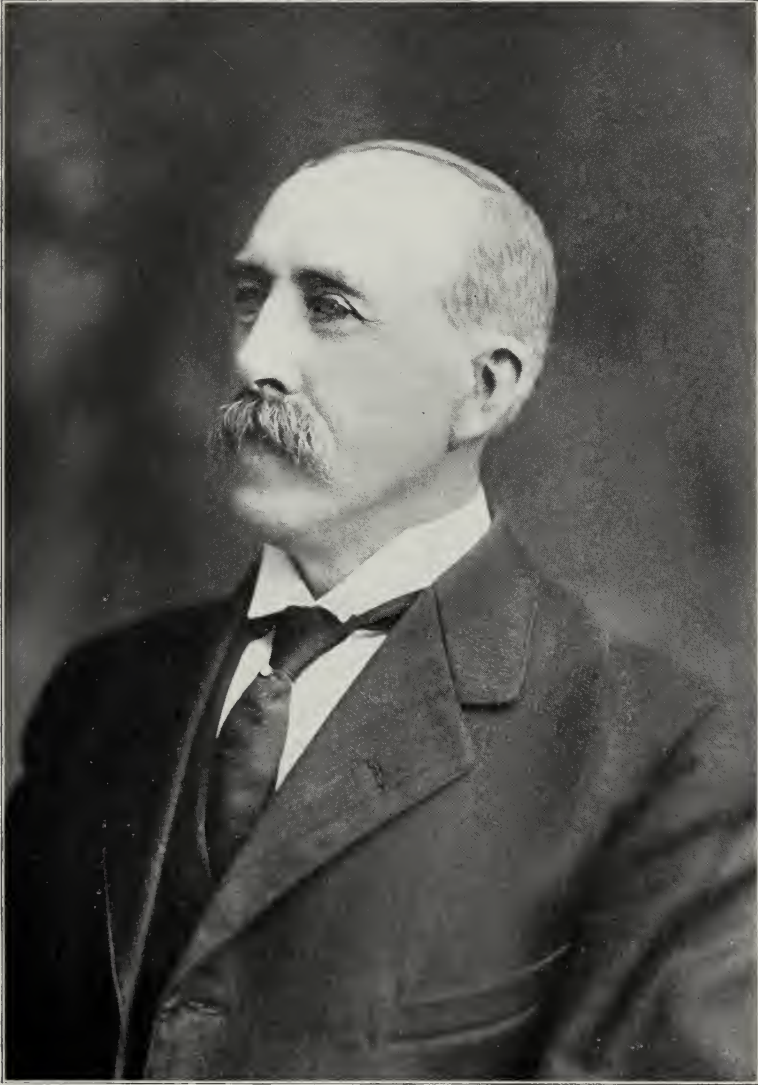
sons and a daughter: Clarence J., the eldest, now a farmer of Washington county, Pennsylvania, married Gertrude Godfrey and has four children. Kate B., the sister, became the wife of Robert P. Cooper, a mechanic living at Martins Ferry, Ohio. They have seven children: May, Clarice, Bessie, Selda, James, Beulah and Letha.

Lawrence J. Moore is the youngest of his father's family and upon the home farm he spent the days of his boyhood, youth and early manhood. He attended the public schools of Belmont county and supplemented his studies there by a course in Frazier's Business College at Wheeling, West Virginia. He afterward devoted twelve years to farm work upon the old homestead and on the expiration of that period came to Upper Sandusky, where he entered the auctioneering business. In this field of labor he has been very successful, being called upon to cry sales in various parts of the county. He is ready, resourceful, apt and tactful and is able to secure good prices for the seller and satisfy the buyer. He also engages in buying and feeding cattle on his own account and in addition is manager of his mother's farm in Crane township.

Mr. Moore gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never sought nor desired political honors and emoluments. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and also belongs to the Methodist church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct.

ELIAS G. LAUGHLIN.

No history of Carey will be complete without mention of Elias G. Laughlin, who for seventeen years was an active factor in the business life of the city and who for a still longer period has been one of the most prominent and influential figures in public affairs. He is now mayor of the city, in his second term of service, and has done work of a constructive character destined to take an important place in local political history. He was born in New York state, September 15, 1854, and is a son of John and Mary W. (Hill) Laughlin, the former a native of Ireland, born in 1810, and the latter of Middlesex, New York, born in 1818. The father crossed the



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Atlantic at the age of eighteen and settled in New York state at Hammondsport, making that city his headquarters during the time that he followed the occupation of a steamboat captain. He died in 1857 and was survived by his wife until 1889. In their family were twelve children, five of whom died in infancy. The others are Ambrose, John M., James H., Nancy E., Francis H., Emily J. and Elias G.

Elias G. Laughlin was educated in the public schools of Carey and laid aside his books at the age of sixteen, after which he spent two years upon the farm. At the end of that time he learned the blacksmith's trade and for eighteen years thereafter worked at this occupation, becoming skilful and proficient in it and building up a profitable patronage. He was afterward clerk in a hardware store for three years and then for fourteen years partner in a large hardware concern in Carey. His well directed activities brought him success and a comfortable competence, which enabled him to retire from active business life in 1907. He now devotes a great deal of time to the management and supervision of his real-estate interests, which are extensive and valuable, for he owns three fine residences in Carey and a one hundred and sixty acre farm in Big Springs township.

It is not alone along business lines, however, that Mr. Laughlin is well known in this city, for since 1889, when he was first elected mayor, he has been a force in politics, his name standing always for reform and progress. He was for fifteen years clerk of the board of education, and in 1912 was again elected mayor of the city. He has made an excellent executive, giving to the people a businesslike administration, characterized by progress and advancement and marked by the inauguration of many needed reforms and improvements.

Mr. Laughlin has been three times married. In 1890 he wedded Miss Emma Bartlett, by whom he had one child, Loraine, mother and daughter dying in 1900. One year afterward Mr. Laughlin wedded Miss Alice Bixby, who passed away in 1906, leaving two children, Mary Alice, and Lucy L., a third daughter, Martha, having died in infancy. Mr. Laughlin's third wife was Miss Ella J. Deardorff, whom he wedded August 18, 1910, at Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Laughlin is fraternally connected with the Masonic order, in which he belongs to the Knights Templar, and the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A resident of Carey during practically all of his active life, he has thoroughly identified his interests with those of the city and by constantly supporting progressive public measures has done a great deal of work in promoting development. His salient characteristics are such as have gained for him the friendly regard and good-will of all with whom he has been associated through either business or official relations and he is well entitled to a foremost place among the representative and respected residents of Carey.

EDWARD SWERLEIN.

Edward Swerlein, who owns ninety-two acres of land in Tymochtee township and who operates in addition the two hundred adjoining acres which he rents, is numbered among the progressive and representative agriculturists of this section. He is one of Wyandot county's native sons and was born in the village of Tymochtee, June 5, 1853, his parents being John and Theresa (Clitch) Swerlein, natives of Germany. The father was born in 1818 and when he was sixteen years of age came to America. He settled in Tiffin, Ohio, and there followed the shoemaking trade for some time. He later became identified with agricultural pursuits and won a position of distinction and prominence in farming circles before his death, which occurred in 1893. The mother was born in Germany, April 25, 1823, and was seven years of age when she came to Tiffin, Ohio. She survives her husband and makes her home with the subject of this review. To Mr. and Mrs. John Swerlein were born ten children, Joseph H., John A., William R., Mary A., Helena, Edward, Harmon, Mary, Loretta and Lawrence.

In the acquirement of an education Edward Swerlein attended district school in Tymochtee township and high school in Carey, laying aside his books at the age of twenty-one. For one year thereafter he worked upon his father's farm and then rented one hundred and thirty acres of land, upon which he continued to reside until 1890. In that year he bought thirty acres in the same locality but this property he sold in 1909 and bought his present farm, upon which he has

since resided. The property is equipped with all the conveniences and accessories of a model farm and in his agricultural pursuits Mr. Swerlein is meeting with a well earned and creditable measure of prosperity. In addition to the ninety-two acres which he owns he rents the adjoining two hundred acres, upon which he pastures his fine herds of thirty cattle, one hundred sheep and ten horses. His stock-raising forms one of the most valuable of his interests, for in addition to the animals which he breeds he buys every year two carloads of lambs and, after feeding and fattening them for a season, sells them in the local markets.

At McCutchenville, on the 18th of May, 1881, Mr. Swerlein wedded Miss Edith A. Roberts, a daughter of John A. and Wilhelmina (Schmidt) Roberts, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Swerlein are the parents of thirteen children: John A.; Minnie, who married William Davidson, a farmer in Tymochtee township, by whom she has three children, Edith H., Roy G. and Florence P.; Edward E., a farmer in Sycamore township, who married Ada Gibson; Homer S.; Jay M.; Ethel T., who married Fayette Cross, a farmer in Sycamore township, by whom she has one child, Irene Wanda; Robert G.; Marietta; Otto L.; Florence A.; Edith G.; Emma V.; and Laura I.

Mr. Swerlein gives his allegiance to the democratic party and, while he confines himself closely to business, he has yet found time to interest himself in affairs of citizenship, having served as township clerk for four years, as assessor for a similar period of time and as land appraiser from 1890 to 1900. In addition he was justice of the peace for four years and a member of the school board for twenty-seven, having been president of that body for the last sixteen years of his service. He aids in keeping his township and county apace with the march of general advancement and has put forth effective work in the promotion of the public and agricultural development.

FRANK M. FOX.

The name of Fox is well known in Wyandot county, for three generations of the family have cultivated the soil in this section and the present representative, Frank M. Fox, is one of the most prominent and successful farmers of Mifflin town-

ship. He owns a fine property on section 10, upon which he has resided since 1888, and in his agricultural operations is meeting with that success which always follows earnest, persistent and well directed energy. The family is of German origin, the father and grandfather of the subject of this review having been natives of Wittenberg, and it was founded in America by John Fox, grandfather of our subject, who came with his family and settled in Richland county in pioneer times. He took up a claim of wild land, covered with a dense growth of timber, which he cleared, and upon this property he resided until his death. His son Augustus G. Fox, who was six years of age when his parents came to America, grew up upon the homestead and when he reached maturity followed farming. He married Miss Louisa Dome, a daughter of Samuel Dome, who came to Ohio in pioneer times. After his marriage Augustus G. Fox bought land in Mifflin township and there developed a fine farm, upon which he resided until his death, September 5, 1894, when he was sixty-eight years of age. He had survived his wife one year, her death having occurred May 21, 1893. To their union were born five children, Lorinda, George W., Daniel H., Mary and Frank M.

The last named was born on his father's farm on the 26th of October, 1859, and acquired his education in the district schools. After laying aside his books he worked upon the homestead for some time but in 1888 purchased the property which he still owns. In the intervening quarter of a century he has steadily carried forward the work of improvement and development, operating his farm along modern and progressive lines and being now the owner of one of the best improved agricultural properties in Mifflin township. In addition Mr. Fox is well known in business circles of Upper Sandusky. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens Savings Bank of this city in 1907 and has been a stockholder and director since its organization. He has also been a director of the Wyandot Mutual Insurance Company, nine years, of which he was treasurer for seven years, and is connected with the Farmers Institute, of which he was president for two years. He served for nine years on the fair board.

In 1884 Mr. Fox married Miss Julia V. Kail, a daughter of Andrew J. and Sarah Kail, of Wyandot county, Ohio. They have six children: Bertha V., who married Edwin R. Leslie;

Jackson A., who wedded Inez Justice; Ida M.; Zula B.; Walter E.; and Florence L.

Mr. Fox is a leader in church circles of this community and has been active in the Methodist church, serving as superintendent and a teacher in the Sunday school for many years. In public life he has been clerk of the township for three terms and was for two terms township treasurer, elected on the democratic ticket. He has won a gratifying degree of material success and a high place in the respect and esteem of all who know him, and he deserves great credit for what he has accomplished, for all that he today possesses has been acquired through his own careful management and well directed labors.

GEORGE W. COON.

George W. Coon, now living retired in Upper Sandusky, was for fifty years closely associated with agricultural interests of Wyandot county. His spirit of perseverance enabled him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertook and therefore he developed a good farm in Antrim township from which he annually derived a substantial income as the result of his industry and determination. He was born in that section of Wyandot county, May 21, 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Susan (Harmon) Coon, the former born in 1809 and the latter in Maryland in 1810. The father came to Ohio when he was nineteen years of age and followed farming in Wyandot county until his death. His wife passed away in 1871.

George W. Coon attended the district schools of Antrim township, pursuing his studies until he was nineteen years of age. Throughout the period of his boyhood and youth he assisted in the work of the fields and after attaining his majority farmed on shares for five years. At the end of that time he purchased eighty acres of land and after nine years bought, with his sister, part of the old homestead which he improved and developed along modern lines until his retirement in 1910. In that year he moved to Upper Sandusky and has since made his home in this city, where he is uniformly regarded with the highest respect and esteem. He is a stock-

holder in the Morrel Elevator Company and the Toledo Life Insurance Company.

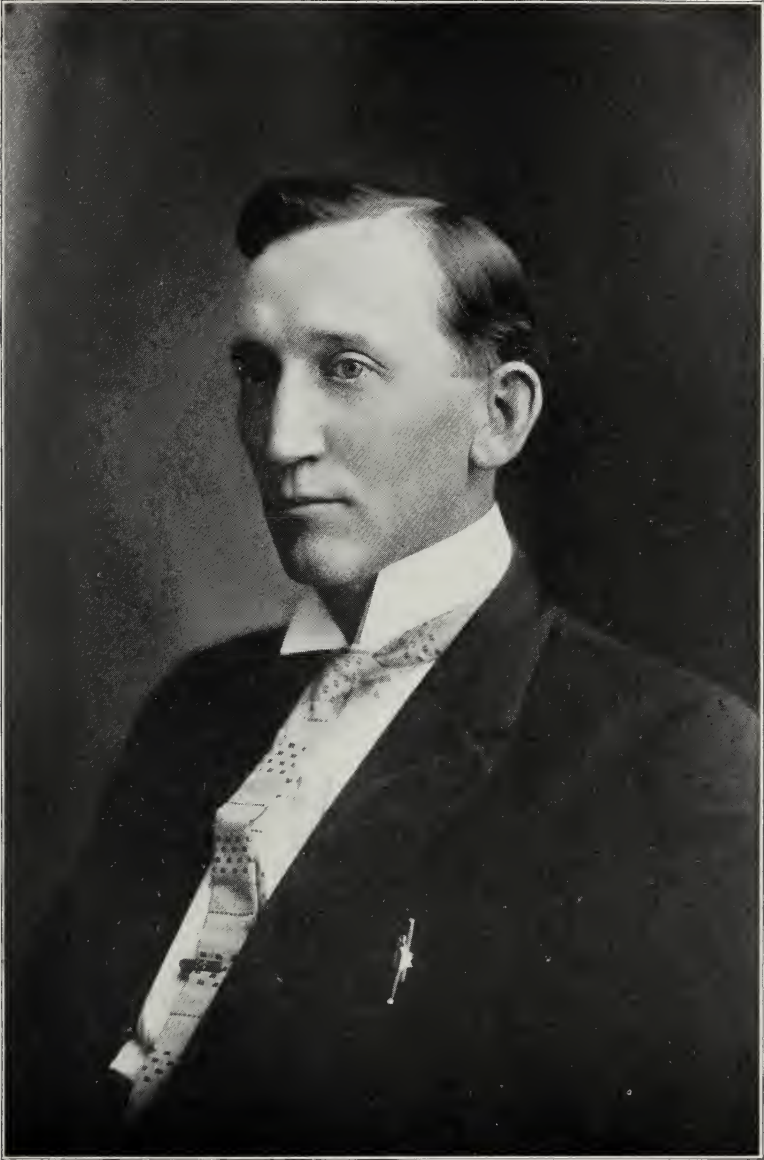
On the 18th of January, 1872, Mr. Coon was united in marriage in Antrim township to Miss Mary Alice Brown, a daughter of Abraham and Jane (Eckelberry) Brown, the former a prosperous farmer and an early settler in Wyandot county. Mr. and Mrs. Coon had five children: Charles E., who lives with his father; Susanna, who resides at home; Bertha A., who married Charles Weist, a farmer of Pitt township, by whom she has two children, Laura and May A.; Inez E., who is teaching school in Memphis, Texas; and Sarah E., who is employed as a stenographer in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Coon passed away August 28, 1889, and is buried in Grand Prairie cemetery in Morrow county, Ohio.

Mr. Coon belongs to the Free Baptist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Antrim township numbers him among her valued residents and the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his life has been at all times honorable and upright, worthy of the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

ROBERT CARL VAN BUREN, M. D.

Dr. Robert Carl VanBuren, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Carey, is a native son of Ohio, born in Hancock county, September 15, 1876. He is a son of Martin and Maria M. (Alter) VanBuren, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was born in Albany in 1836 and after he had attained manhood farmed in the Empire state until 1857, when he came to Ohio, settling three miles from Carey. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits for some time, afterward removing to the vicinity of Forest, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1909. For a short time he lived in Hancock county, four miles north of the city of Findlay, and here the subject of this review was born. The mother still resides upon the farm near Forest.

Dr. Robert C. VanBuren was six years of age when his parents moved to Forest and his early education was acquired



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in the public schools of the village. This was supplemented by a course in Ada University, which he attended for two terms, afterward entering the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati. After four years he was graduated from this institution in 1901, with the degree of M. D. In May of the same year he opened an office in Carey, where he has since remained. He is deeply interested in his profession, of which he is a thorough and discriminating student and a skilled practitioner. That he has attained proficiency and that he has the confidence of the general public is indicated by the large patronage which is accorded him and which has given him rank among the successful members of the medical fraternity in Wyandot county.

In 1901 Dr. VanBuren was united in marriage to Miss Emma M. Cook, a daughter of Harlow Cook, a prominent resident of Hardin county, Ohio. They have two children, Harlow Kent and Stella Louise. Dr. VanBuren gives loyal support to the republican party but has never sought public office, preferring to give undivided attention to his professional duties, which he discharges with a sense of conscientious obligation and with a thorough understanding of the many responsibilities which devolve upon him.

BURKE W. MARTIN.

Burke W. Martin, prominently connected with mercantile interests of Little Sandusky as a successful general merchant, is a native son of the city, born December 25, 1849, his parents being Caleb S. and Elizabeth (Coons) Martin. The father was born in Maryland in 1819 and from an early age followed the shoemaker's trade. He came to Ohio when he was about fifteen years of age and resided in this state until his death, which occurred in 1906. The mother was born in New York state in 1837 and died in Ohio in 1909. They were the parents of five children: Minerva, who died in infancy; Burke W., of this review; Mary P.; Alice L.; and Charles R., who met death by accident at the age of seventeen.

Burke W. Martin acquired his education in the country schools of his native locality, attending until he was eighteen years of age. He worked upon a farm until 1870, after which

he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, establishing himself as a grocer in Little Sandusky. After one year he added a general merchandise stock and has made both branches of his enterprise extremely profitable. The business has increased steadily and Mr. Martin now carries a five thousand dollar stock and enjoys an extensive and representative patronage which has come to him in recognition of his straightforward business methods and his well selected line of goods. He owns besides his business property in Little Sandusky, eighty acres of land in Antrim township and several town lots.

On the 4th of October, 1871, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Iva E. Hughes, a daughter of Barnett and Catherine (Woodcock) Hughes, the latter of whom passed away in 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin were born five children: Luella M., who married William J. Burnside, a farmer of Little Sandusky, by whom she has one child, Mabel M.; Alice B., who married Frank Barber, a farmer of Antrim township, by whom she has four children, George W., Ross, Francis C. and Barnett W.; Charles S., who died at the age of twenty-one; Sidney W., who is engaged in the automobile business at Upper Sandusky; and Barnett H., at home.

Mr. Martin is a democrat in his political beliefs and has served as a member of the local school board for over twenty years. He has met with prosperity as a citizen and as a business man, his career proving conclusively that success is not a matter of chance, but is the outcome of clear judgment, experience and close application.

JACOB P. BEAR.

Jacob P. Bear has many claims to the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens, for his upright and honorable life has at all times been high in its standards and purposes and beneficial in its results. He has been a resident of Ohio since he was twenty-two years of age, enlisting from this state for service in the Civil war and having since 1870 resided continuously upon the farm in Mifflin township which he now owns and operates. Pennsylvania numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Franklin county, that state,

January 26, 1839, his parents being Jacob and Elizabeth (Mooney) Bear. The father was born in Pennsylvania on the 17th of February, 1807, and after he grew to manhood followed the shoemaker's trade and also engaged in farming until his death, September 28, 1850. The mother, whose birth occurred in Maryland in 1809, died on the 11th of April, 1888. In their family were the following children: Mary A. E., Susanna, Joshua, Anna R., Jeremiah, Jacob P., Sarah A., Jonathan and Amanda.

The public schools of Pennsylvania afforded Jacob P. Bear his educational opportunities and he attended until he was eighteen years of age, after which he served a two years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. He was in Ohio at the outbreak of the Civil war and from this state enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving for two years and ten months, and rising from the rank of private to that of orderly sergeant and as such receiving his honorable discharge on the 12th of June, 1865, at Camp Chase, Ohio. Following the war he followed the carpenter's trade for a time and then turned his attention to farming. In 1872 he purchased a farm in Mifflin township and on this property he has now resided for forty-three years, each year bringing him increased success. His first purchase consisted of sixty-three acres of land but to this he has added from time to time as his financial resources justified and he now owns one hundred and forty-three acres, lying on section 30. He gives a great deal of time to the cultivation of the fields, raising fine crops of corn, hay, oats and wheat, and he is besides extensively interested in stock-raising, keeping ten head of cattle, eight horses, fifty sheep and about the same number of hogs. His animals are all high grade and command a high price and a ready sale on the local markets.

On the 1st of February, 1866, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Bear was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Height, a daughter of Henry and Julia (Beaver) Height of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Bear became the parents of six children. Alice became the wife of George Dean, a carpenter at Findlay, Ohio. They have one daughter, Ruth. John W. is engaged in farming in Marseilles township. He married Mary E. Fox and they have two children, Lester J. and Wildie H. and also have an adopted daughter, Tempa Kenton. Edward

is connected with a mill in Fostoria, Ohio. His wife was in her maidenhood Mary Burkhardt. George is an oil pumper at Findlay. He married Julia Parsel and they are the parents of four children, Ralph E., Russell, Ira, and Sarah C. Laura married Jackson Young, a carpenter at Fostoria, and they have two children, Leota S. and Paul L. Emory is residing on the home farm on section 30, Mifflin township. He married Daisy La Rue and has three children, Ruth, Luella M. and Floyd R. Mr. and Mrs. Bear have also an adopted son, a nephew of Mrs. Bear, Henry Witbeck, who lost his mother when he was still a child.

A staunch republican, Mr. Bear is interested in the growth and progress of the community where he has long resided and has rendered the township excellent service as a trustee and a member of the school board. He is a devout member of the Methodist church of which he is now an elder and he was a teacher in the Sunday school for many years. A man of genuine personal worth and high standards of integrity he commands the sincere regard and esteem of all who come in contact with him and in the course of his many years residence in Wyandot county has proved his loyalty in citizenship, his reliability in business and his fidelity and to all the ties and obligations of life.

CHARLES F. STECK.

Charles F. Steck, who since 1883 has been a resident of America, has throughout the entire period resided in Wyandot county, where he is now engaged in farming on section 15, Salem township. He was born on the 21st of February, 1858, in the city of Calw, Wurtemberg, Germany, his parents being Gottlieb and Frederika Steck, who were also natives of Calw. In the schools of that city Charles F. Steck pursued his education until he was graduated on the 15th of May, 1874, having completed courses in German, Latin and French. He then turned his attention to farming, becoming acquainted with that pursuit while employed on a private farm of King Carl of Wurtemberg. He thus worked until 1879, when he was drafted for military service, doing duty with the Queen Olga Leibgarde Dragoon Regiment as drillmaster and sergeant from

1879 until honorably discharged in November, 1882. The following year he determined to seek a home and fortune in the new world, arriving in America on the 20th of March, 1883. He made his way at once to Wyandot county, Ohio, and for seven years was employed on the farm of M. D. M. Carey, near Crawford.

On the 18th of March, 1888, Mr. Steck was united in marriage to Miss Carolina Ross, of Upper Sandusky, a daughter of Adam Ross. Their children are: Carl F., Allen H., Homer C., Alice E., Anna M., Leonard E. and Elmer. Since 1886 Mr. Steck has been a member of Carey Lodge, No. 407, I. O. O. F. He has also taken the degrees of the blue lodge in Masonry and became a Royal Arch Mason in 1911. His political views are indicated in the fact that he identified himself with the "bull moose" party in 1912, advocating the progressive policy followed by Roosevelt and other leaders. His religious faith is that of the German Lutheran church. After residing for more than a quarter of a century in the United States Mr. Steck returned to Germany on a visit in July, 1909. He renewed acquaintance with friends of his early life, visited the scenes of his boyhood and afterward traveled in Germany, France, Switzerland and Holland, again coming to America on the 5th of October, 1909. He has never had any occasion to regret his determination to make his home in the new world, for here he found the business opportunities which he sought, and in their improvement he has worked his way upward, being now a substantial farmer of Wyandot county. He has worked diligently and persistently as the years have passed and his energy and determination have brought him a gratifying measure of prosperity.

DANIEL SCHLICHER.

A city does not depend so much upon its machinery of government or even upon the men who control its public offices as upon those who are active in establishing and promoting its business affairs. Commercial activity is the basis of progress and improvement at the present day and in business circles in Upper Sandusky, Daniel Schlicher is well known as proprietor of a soda water factory, to which enterprise he turned

his attention in 1904. He was born in Marietta, Ohio, January 8, 1864, a son of Theodore and Eva (Smith) Schlicher, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to Ohio when a young man of nineteen years and the mother arrived in this state when a little maiden of nine summers. He died in 1912 but Mrs. Schlicher is still living, making her home in Marietta at the age of seventy-two. They had a family of six children: George, Daniel, David, Edward, Flora and Emma.

Between the ages of six and fourteen years Daniel Schlicher was a pupil in the public schools of his native city, but when a boy in his early teens he felt it necessary to provide for his own support and secured employment in a chair factory, where he remained for four years. He then began learning the moulder's trade, which he followed for seven years, on the expiration of which period he went to California, remaining for five years on the Pacific coast. He then returned to Marietta, where he engaged in the saloon business for seven years, after which he came to Upper Sandusky in 1904 and began the manufacture of soda water, which has proven a profitable venture. He admitted Patrick Doyle to a partnership and they have established a business which is growing year by year. They hold to high standards in the excellence of their product and are therefore liberally patronized, while their fair dealing and reasonable prices are also an element in their success.

Mr. Schlicher votes with the democratic party, to which he has given his allegiance since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men and he belongs to the German Lutheran church—in which associations are indicated the principles that govern his life.

SAMUEL PHILLIPS.

Samuel Phillips, who in 1909 retired from business life following many years of active identification with the blacksmith's trade in Marseilles, was born in Marion county, Ohio, June 18, 1834. He is a son of Jacob Phillips, a native of Massachusetts and a shoemaker by trade, who at one



MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL PHILLIPS

period settled in Marion county, whence he went to Michigan. He was twice married and by his first wife had two children, William and Edna. After her death he wedded Miss Comfort Martin, a native of Ohio, and to their union were born the following children: Samuel, of this review; and David, John and Jacob. The father passed away in 1838 and the mother, who was born in Ohio in 1810, died in 1870.

Samuel Phillips acquired his education in the public schools of Michigan and he pursued his studies until he was eighteen years of age, when he returned to Ohio, settling in Marseilles, where he worked as an apprentice to the blacksmith's trade, receiving for his services ten cents a day for three years and managing to save sixteen dollars out of his wages. In 1854 he purchased a half interest in the shop conducted by his employer, James R. Eaton, with whom he continued in partnership for twenty-one years, gaining a reputation during that time for expert work and honorable business dealings. Eventually he purchased Mr. Eaton's share of the business and continued to conduct the enterprise alone, building up during that time an extensive and lucrative trade and accumulating a fortune sufficient to enable him to lay aside the cares of active business life. Since 1909 he has been living retired in his comfortable home in Marseilles and is enjoying the leisure and rest which has rewarded many years of earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

Mr. Phillips married, in Upper Sandusky, in 1857, Miss Mary A. Ellis, a daughter of Richard and Mary P. (Slover) Ellis. The father went to California in 1849 and spent some time in the gold fields of that state, later returning to Ohio, where he followed farming. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips became the parents of ten children. John was a prominent real-estate dealer in New York city, where he also engaged as an importer of drygoods. He died in 1912, at his father's home in Marseilles, Ohio. Eva O. married J. L. Hastings, a farmer in Marion county, and they became the parents of seven children, Maud, Augusta, Spear, Fay, Carrie, Frank and Eloise. James E. is a merchant in Marion, Ohio. He married Carrie Fulton, and they became the parents of two children, Isabella and James Fulton, who died in infancy. Charles N. is cashier of the Marion National Bank at Marion. Jennie died when she was fourteen years of age. Frank is

a member of the firm of Uhler & Phillips, drygoods merchants at Marion, Ohio. He married Miss Alta Craig and has one son, Robert. Anna became the wife of L. C. Wogan, a real-estate dealer in Marion. The other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mary, Harlan and Slover, died in infancy. Mrs. Phillips passed away on October 6, 1905, and was buried in the cemetery at Marion, Ohio. She was highly esteemed by all who knew her and her demise occasioned not only deep sorrow to her family but a wide circle of devoted friends. She was charitable and kindly and a good wife and mother, being an example of what a true woman should be.

Mr. Phillips was a resident of Ohio at the time of the Civil war and he enlisted for one hundred days' service as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Forty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but on account of sickness was debarred from active service. He is a member of the Methodist church and active in religious work, having served for thirty-eight years as secretary of the Methodist Sunday school. Politically he is a republican, believing firmly in the policies set forth in the principles of the party, and he is always a loyal supporter of its candidates. Locally he is interested in the betterment of the community where he has resided for over a half century, and for a number of years rendered the township able service as a member of the council and as a member of the school board. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, reliable in business and progressive in citizenship and during the course of a long, active and honorable life has gained the confidence, good-will and esteem of all who have been in any way associated with him.

E. A. SLEMMER.

Among the younger and successful business men of Upper Sandusky is E. A. Slemmer, who for a number of years has conducted a first-class restaurant in this city which enjoys a reputation that places it in a class by itself. Born in Salem township, this county, on August 15, 1872, E. A. Slemmer is a son of Henry and Catherine (Coppler) Slemmer, natives

of Germany, the former born in 1822 and the latter in 1839. The father came to America when about seventeen years of age and all his life followed the occupation of tailoring. He died on March 24, 1884, his wife surviving until April 2, 1911. In their family were the following children: Charles L.; Henry; William H.; E. A., of this review; George W., who was a member of the Second Regiment, Ohio National Guard, and served in the war with Spain as a corporal; and Elizabeth.

E. A. Slemmer attended the district schools of Salem township in the acquirement of his education until sixteen years of age, when he engaged in farm labor for one year. He then turned his attention to clerking and remained in that capacity and as bartender until 1900, when he and his brother Charles opened a buffet in Upper Sandusky, which they continued in partnership until 1906, at which time our subject acquired the interest of his brother in the business. Later, however, Mr. Slemmer turned his attention to the restaurant business and opened a first-class establishment of that kind, which has gained in reputation as the years have passed. Careful attention is paid to the wishes of his patrons and his meals are not only prepared in the cleanest and best fashion but are substantial and varied, giving a great selection to his customers. He is the only one in Upper Sandusky who serves special game dinners during the season, which have become famous and have brought many new patrons to his place. His patronage is not only extensive but representative and comprises the best class of residents, his trade being largely recruited from out of town, besides enjoying a steady custom of regular dinner guests. Much of the success of the establishment must be ascribed to the genial and pleasant manner of its proprietor, who tries in every possible way to please his patrons and gives vent to his appreciation by faultless service. As the years have passed Mr. Slemmer has become prosperous and he now owns two valuable residences in Upper Sandusky which he rents.

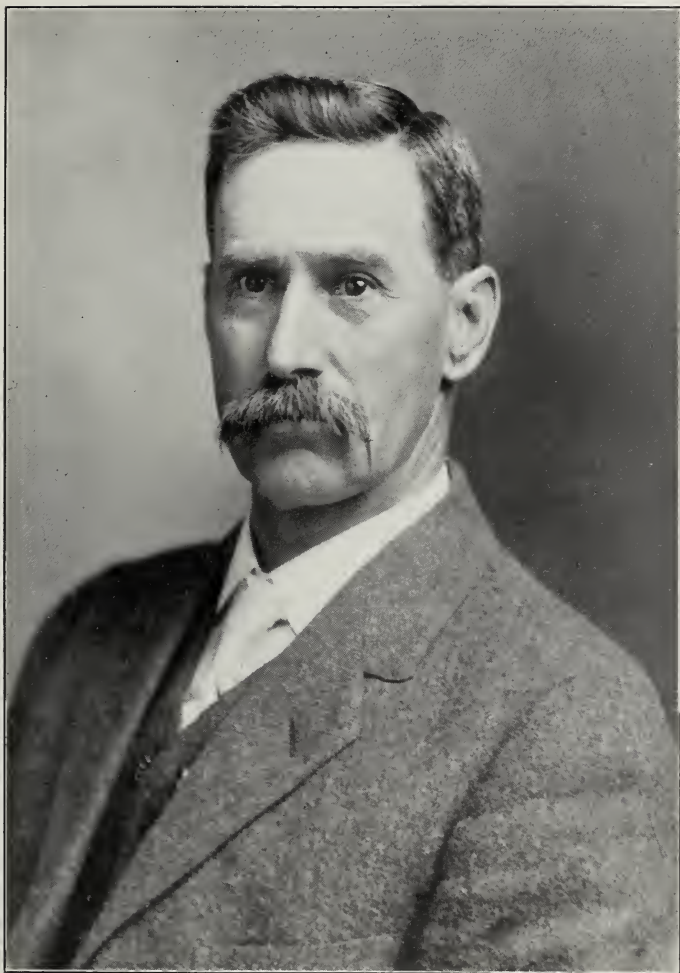
On April 7, 1903, he was married at Upper Sandusky to Miss Cora Taylor, a daughter of Hark and Mary (Gilliland) Taylor, the former a native of Salem township and the latter of Iowa. The father engages in farming in Salem township and is one of its prosperous residents. Mr. and Mrs. Slemmer have two daughters, Dorothy May and Marjory F., and one son, Robert H.

Politically Mr. Slemmer gives his support to the democratic party and fraternally affiliates with the Red Men. His faith is that of the German Lutheran church. Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Slemmer takes deep interest in all matters that affect the public welfare of Upper Sandusky and Wyandot county and can always be found in the ranks of those men who seek promotion and advancement. Able and active, it has taken him not long to attain a substantial position and as his success has been won on his own merits, he is highly esteemed and regarded for what he has attained.

GEORGE W. ZEITER.

George W. Zeiter, a highly respected citizen and successful business man of Wyandot county, has for the past decade been engaged in the sale of agricultural implements and farm machinery at Upper Sandusky. His birth occurred at New Washington, Crawford county, Ohio, on the 18th of August, 1856, his parents being George and Katherine (Rapp) Zeiter, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Pennsylvania. George Zeiter, who became a resident of Crawford county, Ohio, when still but a boy, worked at the carpenter's trade throughout his active business career and passed away in 1863. His widow makes her home in Eden township, Wyandot county, and is now seventy-six years of age, her natal day being February 1, 1837. They had four children, namely: George W., Frank, Sophia and Mary. Our subject is the only surviving member of the family, the others passing away in early life.

In the acquirement of an education George W. Zeiter attended the common schools until twenty-one years of age and subsequently worked as a farm hand by the month for nine years. During the following six years he operated a rented farm in Tymochee township and on the expiration of that period took up his abode in Sycamore, Ohio, where he worked in an implement store for eight years. In 1903 he came to Upper Sandusky and embarked in business as an implement dealer on his own account, having since built up a gratifying patronage in this connection. His stock of farm machinery and agricultural implements is valued at more



G. W. ZEITER

than three thousand dollars. He is likewise a stockholder in the Buckeye Foundry & Manufacturing Company, and also in the Commercial National Bank.

On the 15th of February, 1883, at Upper Sandusky, Mr. Zeiter was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Ekleberry, a daughter of Levi and Barbara (Hufford) Ekleberry, of Tymochtee township, where the former was active for a number of years as a farmer and veterinary surgeon.

Politically Mr. Zeiter is an independent democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias of Sycamore and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Upper Sandusky. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. Though not a member, he attends the services of the Methodist church and lives a consistent Christian life. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the community, having won the unqualified confidence and regard of all with whom they have come in contact throughout the period of their residence here.

AARON FRANKLIN GOTTFRIED.

Aaron Franklin Gottfried, who since the beginning of his active career has been prominent as a farmer and stock-raiser in Wyandot county, was born in Upper Sandusky, November 20, 1871. He is a son of George Adam and Caroline Amelia (Purkey) Gottfried, the former born in Germany, July 21, 1827, and the latter in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, in 1841. The father was a brick and tile maker and followed this occupation in his native country and after he came to Wyandot county. Many of the buildings in this part of Ohio are constructed of his hand-made bricks and tile, for he was in business in Upper Sandusky for thirty-seven years and was one of the pioneers in his line of work in the city. He died July 23, 1904, and is survived by his wife, who makes her home in Upper Sandusky. They became the parents of six children. The eldest, William, is a well driller in Lima, Ohio. He married Maggie Seigler and has five children. Ella became the wife of J. Widman, a clothing merchant in Upper Sandusky. Aaron Franklin is the subject of this review. Harry makes his home in Upper Sandusky. Edward O. is engaged in farm-

ing in Salem township. He married Edna Ulrich and has one son, Dale Edward. Harriett R. married Ralph Ingard, a western rancher, who died in 1912, in Payette, Idaho. She is the youngest child in this family.

Aaron F. Gottfried acquired his education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky and in college at Ada, pursuing his studies until his fifteenth year, after which he aided with the work of the homestead until he was nineteen years of age. He then became a clerk in a grocery and clothing store and after attaining his majority farmed on shares until 1904, when he purchased ninety acres of land in Salem township and turned his attention to independent agricultural pursuits. He carried on general farming and stock-raising upon this property until 1906, when he sold his first farm and bought one hundred and one acres in Crane township, on section 10. This farm, which he has recently sold, he has made one of the finest agricultural properties in Wyandot county, well developed along modern lines and equipped with all the accessories and conveniences necessary to its conduct. Mr. Gottfried raises hay, corn and oats and in addition is an extensive stock-raiser, breeding Scotch and Scotch topped Shorthorn cattle of pure bred stock. He has eight head of these animals at the present time and expects to increase his herd in the future. He also raises fifty hogs every year. He is, moreover, a fancier of Plymouth Rock chickens, of which he raises annually about two hundred and fifty for the market. He sells many settings for hatching purposes and his poultry-raising has always been an important source of his income. He has since purchased a farm of eighty acres and now occupies the same. It is located two miles west of Upper Sandusky and owing to its pleasant location he has named it "Sunny View Farm."

Mr. Gottfried married, September 5, 1906, in Delaware township, Hancock county, Ohio, Miss Clara Elizabeth Wilch, a daughter of John A. and Mary (Kroske) Wilch, of Hancock county, Ohio, the father being a prominent farmer and stock-breeder of that region. Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried became the parents of two children, Norma Harriett and Ruth Leverna. The family are members of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Mr. Gottfried belongs to Champion Grange of Wyandot county and was for two years president of the Upper Sandusky Farmers Institute and vice president for a similar period. He gives staunch allegiance to the democratic party

and takes an active interest in public affairs, ably filling public office when called upon to do so. In 1907 he was assessor of the first ward and was a delegate to two state conventions, one senatorial, one judicial and one congressional convention. He is one of the most substantial farmers of the vicinity, well known throughout his township for his diligence and enterprise, and he deserves great credit for his present prosperity, which is entirely due to his own efforts.

ANTHONY VOGEL.

Anthony Vogel, a well known, enterprising and successful merchant of Upper Sandusky, has built up an extensive trade as a dealer in shoes and has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his native county. His birth occurred at Upper Sandusky on the 20th of June, 1862, his parents being Frank Joseph and Susanna (Fleck) Vogel, both of whom were natives of Germany, the former born on the 28th of June, 1827, and the latter on the 7th of January, 1832. When a young man of twenty-five Frank J. Vogel emigrated to the United States, coming to Ohio and establishing his home at Upper Sandusky, where he spent the remainder of his life at the tailor's trade. The house which he built in 1861 and in which his children were reared is still the home of our subject. His demise, which occurred on the 30th of October, 1883, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret for he had won many friends during the long period of his residence here. His wife came to the United States at the age of twenty-one and spent the remainder of her life at Upper Sandusky, here passing away on the 21st of June, 1909. Unto them were born twelve children, namely: Frank, Susanna, John, William, Henry, Anthony, Catherine, August, Joseph, Edward, Lena and Elizabeth.

Anthony Vogel attended school until fifteen years of age and then learned the shoemaker's trade, working at that occupation for about seven years. When a young man of twenty-five, he opened a shoe store at Upper Sandusky and has conducted the same continuously since or for a period covering three decades. He carries a stock of goods valued at ten

thousand dollars and has always been accorded a gratifying and well merited patronage.

On the 19th of November, 1891, at Upper Sandusky, Mr. Vogel was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Donnersbach, a daughter of Reinhardt and Anna (Paulse) Donnersbach, both of whom are deceased. During his active business career the father followed farming in Mifflin township, this county. The parents of Mrs. Vogel were both natives of Germany. By her marriage she has become the mother of six children, as follows: Walter C.; Margaret, who passed away on the 5th of November, 1905, at the age of eleven years and seven months; Mary, who died on the 28th of April, 1899, at the age of three years and seven months; Grace C.; Marcus A.; and Helena. On the same lot where his father erected a home more than a half century ago, Mr. Vogel has built a handsome modern dwelling of seven rooms.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Vogel has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in the principles of that party. He has efficiently served in the capacity of treasurer of Crane township and has also done valuable service in the cause of education as a member of the township school board. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio and a devout communicant of the Catholic church. In the community where his entire life has been spent he has won and maintained an enviable reputation as a prosperous merchant and respected citizen. Industry and progress seem to be the salient features in his career and have been potent elements in the acquirement of a success which, however, speaks not only in terms of material gain but in the regard and high esteem of his fellowmen.

FLOYD STROUB.

Floyd Stroub, carrying on general farming upon an excellent tract of land in Ridge township, is a native son of Ohio, born in Hancock county, July 20, 1873, his parents being Benjamin and Rebecca (Benner) Stroub, natives of Germany. The family was founded in America by the grandfather of the subject of this review, a well known United Brethren minis-

ter, who preached the first sermon in the old St. Paul church. His son, the father of our subject, was seventeen years of age when he came to the United States. He settled upon a tract of uncultivated land in Hancock county, cleared the timber and built a log cabin, in which he resided for a number of years, encountering all the hardships and inconveniences of pioneer life. In 1894 he moved to Wyandot county, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1903, when he was seventy-two years of age.

Floyd Stroub acquired his education in the district schools of Hancock county and when he laid aside his books learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed, however, only a short time. He preferred to engage in farming and accordingly hired out on neighboring properties for ten years, renting in 1908 the farm which he now operates. The property is highly improved and in excellent condition showing Mr. Stroub's careful supervision and progressive methods.

On the 1st of January, 1894, Mr. Stroub was united in marriage to Miss Elma Beck, a daughter of Isaiah Beck, and they became the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Basil R. and Leonard B. Although Mr. Stroub is not interested in politics in the sense of office seeking, he has borne an active and helpful part in the work of general improvement and progress. His influence is always found on the side of development and growth and his work has been an element in the county's advancement.

FOSTER W. SAVIDGE.

Foster W. Savidge, operating the family homestead in Salem township, is one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers in this community, where he has resided since his childhood. He is a native of Wyandot county, his birth having occurred in Crawford township, March 21, 1880, and is a son of George and Alice L. (Davis) Savidge. The father was for many years a prominent farmer of Salem township, to which district he removed when the subject of this review was still a child. He died upon his farm June 13, 1907, at the age of sixty. His family came originally from New Jer-

sey, while the mother of our subject was born in Marion county, Ohio, a daughter of Isaac Davis.

Foster W. Savidge spent his boyhood days upon the homestead and was reared to farm work, aiding his father with the tilling, planting and harvesting and acquiring his education in the district schools. He has never left the farm and has had entire charge of it for several years, his careful supervision and progressive methods being evident in its excellent and attractive condition. His mother makes her home with him.

On the 2d of September, 1903, Mr. Savidge was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kimmel, a daughter of Andrew and Laura (Burson) Kimmel, of Salem township. They have four children, Alice, George, Ralph and Harvey. Mr. Savidge is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics votes independently, influenced only by merit and suitability, without regard to party lines. In his business affairs he has ever been straightforward and honorable, enjoying the full confidence of those with whom he is associated and being numbered among Wyandot county's most progressive and successful native sons.

FRANKLIN L. MOYER, D. V. S.

Dr. Franklin L. Moyer, who since 1908 has been active in the practice of veterinary surgery in Carey, is a native son of Ohio, born in Lovell, March 26, 1883. His father, Cornelius Moyer, was born in Myerstown, Pennsylvania, in 1853, and lived in that state until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he came west to Ohio, settling in Crawford township, Wyandot county, where he engaged in farming and where he still resides. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Emma E. Walborn, is also a native of Pennsylvania, her birth having occurred in Berks county. In their family were two children: Gertrude, who married Scott C. Tong, a carpenter in Carey; and Dr. Franklin L., of this review.

The last named acquired his preliminary education in the district schools of Carey and at the age of fourteen entered the Carey high school, studying under Boxwell Law and graduating in 1900. He afterward spent five years upon his father's farm, assisting in the work of its operation, but at



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the end of that time entered the Ohio State University, graduating in veterinary surgery in 1908. In the same year he opened an office for the practice of his profession in Carey and has since secured a liberal and representative patronage, accorded him in recognition of his knowledge and ability. He owns a fine residence on South street and is connected with a number of important business enterprises, being a stockholder in the L. & M. Rubber Manufacturing Company and in the State Fire Insurance Company of Cleveland.

On the 8th of August, 1910, Dr. Moyer was united in marriage, in Upper Sandusky, to Miss Daisy Ryder, a daughter of Aaron and Barbara (Mussleman) Ryder, the former a well known miller in Carey. Dr. and Mrs. Moyer are well known in this city and their home is a center of hospitality for their many friends. Dr. Moyer is a member of the English Lutheran church and fraternally is connected with the Knights of Pythias and the Maccabees. He was for two years a corporal in the O. S. U. cadets. Along lines of his profession he belongs to the American Veterinary Medical Association and in this way keeps in touch with its most advanced thought. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has never desired public office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his professional duties. His ability is well known and his skill unquestioned, and, although he is still a young man, he has already established himself in a successful and growing practice in this city.

WILLIAM H. FORNEY.

William H. Forney has resided in Wyandot county since he was one year old and is a son of one of the prominent pioneers in this region. His entire active life has been spent in farming and he today owns one hundred and thirty acres of valuable land on section 3, Jackson township, being regarded as a most progressive and enterprising citizen. He was born in Tuscarawas county, November 14, 1863, and is a son of John H. and Mary C. (Kohr) Forney, the former born in Tuscarawas county, October 12, 1835. His marriage occurred January 4, 1857, and in the fall of 1864 he moved with his family to Wyandot county, settling on one hundred and twenty

acres of timber land. This he was obliged to clear and with the timber cut built a log cabin, in which he resided for a number of years. His entire life was spent upon this farm, which he improved and developed into one of the finest agricultural properties in this section of the state, dying upon the homestead May 4, 1894. He was survived by his wife until May 20, 1897. They were the parents of nine children, Howard O., Lizzie J., Clara B., William H., Charles G., Clyde E., George M., T. Austin and Russell.

William H. Forney was reared to agricultural pursuits, spending his childhood upon his father's farm and attending district school for three months in the year. The remainder of his time was spent in assisting in the clearing of the new tract and in the manifold duties connected with the operation of a farm. Mr. Forney has never abandoned agricultural pursuits and is now one of the successful and prominent farmers of Jackson township, owning one hundred and thirty acres of land with fine improvements.

On September 30, 1888, Mr. Forney married, in Richland township, Miss Clara V. Alter, a daughter of Jeremiah and Jane S. Alter. She was born near Pittsburgh, September 13, 1867, and moved with her parents to Richland township, Wyandot county, in 1870. Mr. and Mrs. Forney have four children, Myron E., Almira E., J. Dale and Grace. The family are members of the United Brethren church.

Mr. Forney gives loyal allegiance to the republican party and served from 1897 to 1904 as township trustee. Although still in the prime of life, his recollections reach back to pioneer times in Ohio, his childhood having been spent amid pioneer conditions. He is widely and favorably known throughout the county where almost his entire life has been passed, and has been a witness of many of the changes that have occurred here in the course of advancement and development.

JOHN W. ANKNEY.

In a history of Wyandot county prominent mention should be made of John W. Ankney, who is engaged in raising and feeding stock and also in the cultivation and improvement of a fine farm in Sycamore township. His progressive and enter-

prising spirit and his determined purpose have constituted the strongest elements in a success which places him today among the representative agriculturists of this community. He was born in the section where he now resides, August 3, 1867, and is a son of Isaac and Mary A. (Walter) Ankney, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania in 1824 and the latter in Sycamore township in 1829. The father of our subject passed away in 1894. In his family were eight children: George; Ellen; Martha, who died in 1877; Mary A.; Walter J.; John W.; James C.; and Daniel, who has passed away.

John W. Ankney acquired his education in the district schools of Sycamore township, attending until he was twenty years of age. For three years thereafter he aided his father with the work of the farm but later secured employment as an implement salesman, in which capacity he acted for four years. At the end of that time, however, he engaged in farming and has continued in this occupation since that time. He makes a specialty of feeding and fattening cattle and hogs and raising horses and also deals extensively in sheep, his herds containing thirty-five head of thoroughbred Shorthorns, four hundred head of Delano sheep, fifty thoroughbred Chester White hogs and seven horses. He is a well known live-stock dealer and is seldom if ever in error in placing a valuation upon farm animals. He has thus been enabled to make judicious purchases and profitable sales and his stock-raising interests are an important branch of his business. In this relation he belongs to the Shorthorn Breeders Association and also the O. I. C. Association, and is a prominent figure in these bodies.

On the 3d of August, 1889, Mr. Ankney was united in marriage at Upper Sandusky to Miss Mary E. Martin and they became the parents of fifteen children: William G., who died in 1890; Walter B., whose death occurred in 1891; Otto F.; Ilo May, who died in 1893; Harry E.; Susie L., whose death occurred in 1897; Elmer R.; Winnie G.; Fred E., who died in 1903; J. Kenneth; Carl P.; Nellie E.; Laura H.; and two children, who died in infancy.

Mr. Ankney gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but has never been active in political affairs, preferring to devote his entire attention to his farming interests. He is a good financier and business man and has gradually worked

his way upward until he is now one of the prosperous citizens of Sycamore township. He is practical and systematic in all that he does and has gained that measure of prosperity which follows earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

T. E. UNDERWOOD.

The business activities of T. E. Underwood have had direct and important bearing upon the commercial and industrial upbuilding of Sycamore. Here he has lived since 1905 and is now president of the Sycamore Milling Company, controlling one of the important productive industries of Wyandot county. Aside from this he has other important interests which make him a leading citizen here. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, April 1, 1867, and is a representative of one of the old families of this state. His father, Valentine Underwood, was also born in Crawford county in 1840 and was a miller by trade. When but twenty-one years of age he had charge of a mill, having previously thoroughly mastered the business in principle and detail. He became one of the best known flour manufacturers in this part of Ohio and remained actively in the business up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1909. In early manhood he had wedded Lucetta Acquaintice, who was born in Crawford county in 1843 and now makes her home with her younger son, T. E. Underwood. The elder son of the family is Franklin Underwood, who is manager of a grain elevator. He married Belle Wert, of Crawford county, and they have four children: Thomas, Margaret, Mary and Robert.

T. E. Underwood pursued his education in the schools of Crawford county to the age of seventeen years and since that time has been dependent upon his own resources, working earnestly and persistently to achieve success. For seven years he was employed as telegraph operator and station agent and subsequently acted as clerk at coal mines in Perry county, Ohio, for five years. His capability and fidelity in that connection won him promotion and for four years he served as superintendent of the mines. All this experience brought him comprehensive knowledge of the business in its various phases and led him to organize the Tropic Mining Company, of which

he became the president. This company purchased coal lands and opened a mine which they operated for five years, meeting with success in the undertaking. Mr. Underwood withdrew from that field of labor in 1905, however, and came to Sycamore, where he purchased a flour mill, thus becoming actively connected with a business with which he had gained some familiarity in his boyhood, owing to the hours which he spent in his father's flour mill. The enterprise is now being conducted under the name of the Sycamore Milling Company with T. E. Underwood as the president, C. C. Flarilda as the vice president and secretary and Maurice Underwood as the treasurer. Their property is valued at seventy-five thousand dollars and theirs is one of the extensive productive industries of the county, having a daily output of three hundred barrels. The plant is equipped with the most modern milling machinery and the product is of such grade and excellence as to secure a ready sale on the market. The business, too, is most capably managed and the enviable results secured are due in large measure to the enterprise, executive force, business capability and sound judgment of Mr. Underwood. Moreover, he is recognized as a resourceful business man in other connections and is now vice president and treasurer of the Kessler Yeast Company of Columbus, Ohio, and a director of the Federal Lumber Company of Alabama.

On the 1st of June, 1888, in Oceola, Ohio, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Underwood and Miss Susie Hosterman, a daughter of David and Harriett (Vore) Hosterman, of Oceola, the former a carpenter by trade. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Underwood have been born three children: Maurice D., Clair V. and Graydon J. The eldest is now connected with his father in the milling business as treasurer of the company. He married Jessie Emerson, of Sycamore.

Mr. Underwood votes with the republican party, is interested in its success and active in its support. For two terms he served as one of the councilmen of Sycamore. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge and to the Methodist church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules that govern his conduct. Starting out in life for himself at the age of seventeen years, every step that he has made has been a forward one and thus year by year he has advanced until he now occupies a prominent position in manufacturing circles in Wyandot county. He enjoys the

confidence and good-will of colleagues and contemporaries and his business record, when viewed from the standpoint of enterprise and integrity, is such as any man might be proud to possess.

JOHN WUEST.

John Wiest, who bases his success in agricultural work upon hard work and a practical knowledge of farming, is the owner of a fine tract of one hundred and nineteen acres in Pitt township and is recognized as a factor in the agricultural growth of that section. He was born in Richland township, Marion county, March 24, 1855, and is a son of Christopher and Mary (Wilt) Wiest, the former of whom was born in Germany in 1822 and the latter in Stark county, Ohio, in 1831. The father came to America when he was fifteen years of age and settled immediately in Richland township, where for fifteen years he worked as a coach driver, later engaging in farming. He died in 1901, having survived his wife since 1889. They were the parents of twelve children, all of whom are now living except three, namely: Christopher, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Caroline and another child who died in infancy. Those who survive are Louisa, Barbara, John, Samuel, Lena, Caroline, Christina, Maggie and Charles.

John Wiest's educational opportunities were limited to three months' attendance in the district schools of Little Sandusky and he is therefore largely self-educated, his knowledge coming as the result of observation, reading and study in later life. From the age of fifteen until he was twenty he aided in the operation of the home farm and then in 1875 purchased land on his own account, buying eighty acres which he sold in 1908. In that year he purchased one hundred and nineteen acres in Pitt township and has since engaged in farming and stock-raising upon this property, both branches of his business being extremely profitable. He raises oats, corn, wheat and hay and keeps three hundred and fifty Duroc Jersey hogs, three hundred sheep, sixty head of cattle and fifteen horses, his animals commanding a high price and a ready sale in the local markets. Mr. Wiest has improved his farm with a modern residence, good barns and outbuildings and has

installed all of the conveniences and accessories necessary in the operation of a model agricultural enterprise.

On January 14, 1870, in Upper Sandusky, Mr. Wiest was united in marriage to Miss Emma Swinehart, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Swinehart, the former a farmer in Pitt township. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest are the parents of three children: Daisy M., who married Edward Hornby, a farmer in Pitt township, by whom she has one daughter, Ima; Alrader, a farmer in Pitt township, who married Miss Wyna Mauser, by whom he has one child, Mozella; and Maud C., who married Clarence Roberts, a farmer of Pitt township, by whom she has two daughters, Katherine and Helen.

Mr. Wiest's fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic order, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Macabees. He is a member of the Wyandot Mutual Protective Association, and his religious views are in accord with the doctrines of the Methodist church. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party and has served his fellow citizens as supervisor of Pitt township for five years and as treasurer of the school board for thirteen years. His influence is ever on the side of right and progress and his labors have therefore been a force in the county's advancement.

EARL E. GLASCO.

For many years Earl E. Glasco has been closely connected in an important way with the affairs of municipal public service corporations in Ohio and throughout the course of his career has advanced steadily step by step until as superintendent of the water company at Sycamore he occupies a place of prominence and trust. He is a native son of the state, born in Ada, on the 9th of October, 1879, his parents being Alexander and Martha (Whisnor) Glasco. The father was born in France and remained in that country until he grew to manhood, coming to America before the Civil war. He served throughout that conflict in the Federal army and afterward made his home in Ohio, where he is now residing at the age of sixty-five. The mother of our subject was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, in 1852, and she also is still living. In their family were six children, Lillie, Addie, Curtis, Earl, Pearl and Harry.

Earl E. Glasco attended the public schools of Ada until he was twenty years of age and then learned the steam-fitter's and machinist's trades, becoming rapidly proficient in both lines. His expert skill soon gained recognition and led gradually to his connection with important city work along the line of his chosen occupation and for many years he held important positions with municipal light and water plants in various parts of the state. He was for four years in Upper Sandusky and came from there to Sycamore in 1910 as superintendent of the municipal water plant here. He has proven a capable, efficient and reliable official and, indeed, throughout his entire business career has been looked upon as a man of high honor and sterling integrity. His success is an example of what determination and force of character, when combined with honesty, can accomplish, for he is highly respected by the community at large and honored by his business associates.

On October 27, 1906, Mr. Glasco married, in Forest, Miss Blanche Young, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Young, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Glasco have two daughters, Regina and Edith. The family are devout members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally Mr. Glasco is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is at the present time superintendent of public affairs at Sycamore. His success has been won entirely by the old methods of honesty and fair dealing. He has carefully planned his business career, has the ability and executive force to carry it forward and has gained thereby a gratifying prosperity.

OTTO C. STUTZ, M. D.

Each calling or business, if honorable, has its place in human existence, constituting a part of the plan whereby life's methods are pursued and man reaches his ultimate destiny. Emerson said that: "All are needed by each one"—and that is as true in one avenue of life's activities as in another. However, the importance of a business or profession is in a very large measure determined by its beneficence or usefulness. So dependent is man upon his fellowmen that the worth of each individual is largely reckoned by what he

has done for humanity. There is no class to whom greater gratitude is due from the world at large than to those men whose life work has been the alleviation of suffering that rests upon humanity, thus lengthening the span of human existence. There is no known standard by which their beneficent influence can be measured; their helpfulness is as broad as the universe and their power goes hand in hand with the wonderful laws of nature that come from the very source of life itself. Someone has aptly said: "He serves God best who serves humanity most." The skilful physician, then, by the exercise of his native talents and his acquired abilities, is not only performing a service for humanity but is following in the footsteps of the Divine Teacher Himself, who said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

One of the prominent and successful physicians of Wyandot county, Ohio, is Dr. Otto C. Stutz. He is of German ancestry and in his make-up there stand out prominently those sturdy qualities of the Teutonic race. His father, Adam Stutz, was a native of Germany and was there reared and educated. When about thirty years old he left the fatherland and came to the United States. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Hudson Railway & Ship Company, acting in the capacity of interpreter, and afterwards for a time on the police force of New York city. In 1864 he came to Upper Sandusky, where for several years he was engaged in the saloon business, also taking an active part in political matters; being a man of much shrewdness and sound judgment he was elected to the office of recorder of Wyandot county and upon the expiration of his term was chosen his own successor. He afterward served four years as deputy in the same office, holding this position at the time of his death, in 1891, aged sixty-nine years. He was a democrat politically and always fair and honorable in his business affairs. His wife, whose maiden name was Caroline Hinkelman, was also a native of Germany. She was brought to America by her parents when a very young girl and is still living in Upper Sandusky at the age of seventy-two years. She was the mother of twelve children, five of whom are dead.

Otto C. Stutz, the second in order of birth in this large family, was born in Albany, New York, on the 17th of April, 1862. He was but two years old when brought to Upper San-

dusky by his parents and here he was reared, securing his preliminary education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky. The medical profession held an allurements for him and so, as a preparatory step, he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and commenced reading medicine with Dr. Hyme of that city. He matriculated in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, this state, in 1881, and pursued three courses of study in that institution. He also attended two terms at Wooster University, Cleveland, being graduated at the latter institution in 1885. He at once returned to Upper Sandusky and entered upon the active practice of his profession. He soon secured a liberal and remunerative patronage and has won recognition as one of the leading physicians of this section of Ohio. Under the administration of President Cleveland Dr. Stutz held for four years the office of secretary of the board of pension examiners. He has held the position of county physician for twenty-five years, was county coroner and has been health officer of the city for fifteen years. He takes a keen interest in educational matters and for two terms he has been a member of the school board. These positions were mostly along the line of his profession but he has also been interested in the general welfare of his city, as is shown by the fact that he was one of the prime movers in the organization of the Upper Sandusky Board of Trade, and is still a member of that body. In January, 1895, Dr. Stutz was commissioned by Governor McKinley assistant surgeon of the Second Regiment Infantry, Ohio National Guard, with which rank he served for a period of three years. He has been identified with various public enterprises, prominent among which is the Tiffin & Marion Electric Railroad, now in course of construction. When completed this road, consisting of a double track, will connect the cities of Tiffin and Marion and pass through the towns of Melmore, Sycamore, Belleverton, Upper Sandusky, Little Sandusky and places of lesser note, besides opening to traffic one of the most fertile and populous areas in this section of the state. Under the management of such promoters as the Doctor and men of his energy and enterprise the work is being rapidly advanced and the completion of the road is in no distant future.

In 1886 Dr. Stutz was united in marriage to Miss Cora A. King, a daughter of William C. King, of this city. His marriage is blessed with one son, Paul K., aged twenty-two

years. Fraternally the Doctor is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Masons. Politically he is a democrat and takes a keen interest in the success of his party. Dr. Stutz and his wife are active and consistent members of Trinity church. The Doctor is a gentleman in full possession of the youth and vigor which act as a stimulus to greater and far-reaching accomplishments in his much loved profession, while his skill and experience far outreach his years. Possessed of an energy which is second only to native ability, he devotes much time to study and research, penetrating the hidden mysteries of science and medical lore and by this method keeping thoroughly in touch with the latest advances in his profession. He is a genial gentleman, always courteous and considerate, of broad human sympathies and tolerance, and possessed of that sincere love for his fellowmen without which there can never be the highest success in the medical profession. His friends are legion and the history of Wyandot county would not be complete without a record of his life and work.

HENRY HOHNALD.

Henry Hohnald, a large landowner and extensive stock-raiser of Crane township, was born in Upper Sandusky, September 8, 1847, and is a son of one of the earliest settlers in this section of Ohio. His father, Casper Hohnald, was born in France in 1820 and made his first location in this state in 1845, taking up his residence here in earliest pioneer times. At the government land sale he purchased lot No. 199, which is now just south of the Daily Chief building on Sandusky avenue in Upper Sandusky. Upon this property Casper Hohnald lived for a number of years and there his son Henry was born. The father followed the shoemaking trade in Upper Sandusky until 1853, but in that year turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, buying a farm in Crane township, upon which he resided until his death in 1895. His wife, who was in her maidenhood Miss Mary M. Von Brunen, was born in Switzerland in 1824 and died in Crane township in 1864. They were

the parents of four children, John, Henry, Catherine and Julian.

In the acquirement of an education Henry Hohmald attended the public schools of Upper Sandusky until he was thirteen years of age and then spent two years in the German school, after which he laid aside his books and turned his attention to farming, an occupation with which he has been identified since that time. That he has met with a large degree of prosperity is evidenced by the fact that he now owns six hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land on section 4, Crane township, upon which he raises hay, corn and oats, gathering large crops annually. He attributes his success in large measure to his stock-raising interests, being an extensive breeder of fine sheep, of which he has one hundred and fifty at the present time. He keeps also eight head of cattle and two horses.

Mr. Hohmald is a member of the English Lutheran church and politically gives his allegiance to the democratic party, although he votes independently on all local issues. He is interested in the cause of education and has evidenced this interest by several years of able and effective work as a director of the school board. Throughout his entire life he has made his home in Wyandot county and for a long period has been recognized as one of its most substantial and progressive citizens, receiving from all who are associated with him the respect due to one whose career has ever been upright and honorable.

JOHN S. BROOKS.

Among the agriculturists of Salem township who are associated with the representative citizens and who have achieved success is numbered John S. Brooks, who operates the family homestead. He is the representative of the third generation in America of the Bruch family, whose name during the course of years has undergone some changes, finally acquiring its present form. The father of our subject, Christian Bruch, was born in Nassau, Germany, July 12, 1825, and until he was nineteen years of age resided near the place of his birth, attending

school and working at various occupations during his vacations. In May, 1844, he accompanied his parents, Christian and Mary Bruch, on their journey across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. They were thirty-four days upon the ocean and after landing in New York, proceeded to Sandusky, Ohio, by boat and from there to Mansfield by wagon. There the father of our subject found employment with a stone mason, receiving for his services eight dollars per month. In 1846 he came to Wyandot county and here entered forty acres of government land in Salem township, upon which he built a log cabin and proceeded with the work of development. During the summer months, however, he worked at the stone mason's trade and spent the winters clearing the timber from his property, and gradually brought the unbroken soil under the plow. As his financial resources grew he added to his holdings, purchasing in 1860 an additional eighty acres, and upon this property his son now resides. Here also Mr. Bruch, Sr., the grandfather of the subject of this review, died in 1875, at the advanced age of eighty-seven, his wife having passed away three years previously, at the same age. Christian Bruch, the father of our subject, married Miss Mary Everly, a daughter of Henry Everly. She was born in Maryland and in early life came to Ohio, where she resided until her death, which occurred in August, 1866, when she was thirty-three years of age. She left to mourn her loss seven children: John S.; Frank; Joseph; Henry; Mary, the wife of Philip Meyers, of Fostoria, Ohio; Anna, who married P. S. Kritz, of Toledo; and Rose, the wife of Adam Jackson, of Fostoria. Christian Bruch is one of the best known men in Salem township and his life has been characterized by steady adherence to high standards and ideals. He is a democrat in his political beliefs and active in public affairs, although aside from his period of service as school director he has held no official position, preferring to give his entire time to his farming operations and to his extensive business interests in Upper Sandusky. He is a man of excellent business ability, well known throughout the community for his honesty and for the interest which he takes in the public welfare. He is in every sense of the word worthy of the confidence of his friends and associates and during his active life was one of the township's most substantial business factors. He is now retired and makes his home with the subject of this review.

John S. Brooks of this review was born in Upper Sandusky, May 12, 1857, and acquired his education in the public schools of that community. When not engaged with his books he aided in the operation of the homestead and since completing his studies has given his entire time to the management of the farm. Although handicapped by ill health he has nevertheless achieved prosperity and success and the farm is in a high state of cultivation, well improved with a fine residence, barns and outbuildings and giving evidence everywhere of care and supervision. Religiously Mr. Brooks adheres to the doctrines of the Catholic church. He has inherited industry, integrity and perseverance from his sturdy Teutonic ancestors, always evidencing that willingness to work and ambition to succeed, common to those of his race. He has step by step made his way in the world until he has risen to a position where he is numbered among the county's substantial farmers and most highly respected citizens.

RALPH E. SMITH.

Ralph E. Smith, who since beginning his active career at the age of eighteen has followed the barber's trade, is one of the active, enterprising and progressive young business men of Upper Sandusky. He was born in Marseilles township, November 29, 1884, and is a son of George W. and Deborah (Gatchell) Smith, the former a retired farmer. In this family were seven children, Charles C., Edward, David, Ada, Carrie, Bessie and Ralph E.

Ralph E. Smith acquired his education in the public schools of Upper Sandusky, which he attended until he was eighteen years of age, laying aside his books at that time to become a barber. He has followed this trade continuously since that time and has now a liberal patronage which is accorded him in recognition of his skill and his straightforward business methods. In addition to his work along this line he conducts a large dancing school in the city, giving a great deal of his attention to his classes.

On the 20th of June, 1907, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Mrs. Nellie B. Weiss, a daughter of G. W. Marshall, of Upper Sandusky. They are the parents of two children,

Evelyn S. and Norma L. The elder daughter is only four years of age but has remarkable musical talent, being able to keep almost perfect time on the piano. Mrs. Smith has also one daughter by her first marriage, Alice E.

Mr. Smith attends the Methodist church, although he does not hold membership, and fraternally he is connected with the Improved Order of Red Men. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but has never been active in public life, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs. He is still a young man but already prosperous, and he possesses in his character and personality the salient elements of success, so that his future advancement is assured.

CHARLES WIEST.

Charles Wiest owns and cultivates a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Pitt township and by constant application and progressive methods has surrounded himself with a notable degree of prosperity. He is a native of this part of Wyandot county, born January 28, 1875, his parents being Christopher and Mary (Wilt) Wiest. The father was born in Baden, Germany, in 1822 and the mother in Stark county, Ohio, in 1831. Christopher Wiest left his native country at the age of fifteen and came as a pioneer to Richland township, Marion county, where for fifteen years he worked as a coach driver, later engaging in farming until his death, which occurred in 1901. His wife has also passed away, her death having occurred in 1889. In their family were twelve children, all of whom are now living except three, namely: Christopher, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Caroline and another child who died in infancy. Those who survive are Louisa, Barbara, John, Samuel, Lena, Caroline, Christina, Maggie and Charles.

Charles Wiest acquired his early education in the district schools of Little Sandusky, which he attended until he was twenty-two years of age, and afterward took a course in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. He never neglected any educational opportunity and by constant study and wide reading, fitted himself for teaching, an occupation which he followed in Pitt township for three years. In 1900, however, he

turned his attention to farming and bought eighty acres of land to which he has added from time to time, his holdings now comprising one hundred and sixty acres. He raises hay, corn, oats and a little wheat and keeps three hundred sheep, one hundred hogs, thirty head of cattle and eight horses, his stock-raising interests constituting an important source of his income.

On October 4, 1899, at Larue, Ohio, Mr. Wiest married Miss Bertha Alice Coon, a daughter of George W. and Mary Alice (Brenner) Coon, the former a prominent farmer of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Wiest have two daughters, Lora M. and Mary Alice. Mrs. Wiest is a devout member of the Baptist church but her husband has no religious affiliations. He is a member of the Wyandot Mutual Insurance Company, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. Although he served for six years as a member of the school board, he has never desired office as a reward for party loyalty, preferring to give his time to the management of his business interests, which are conducted in a capable and progressive way, gaining him high rank among the leaders in the agricultural development in this part of the state.

BENJAMIN C. HARMAN.

Few men are more prominent or more widely known in Upper Sandusky than Benjamin C. Harman, who since 1904 has been a leading factor in its mercantile circles. He is a native son of the city, born September 17, 1881, his parents being William Eugene and Nancy (Conley) Harman, the former of whom was born in McCutchenville, Ohio, in 1847 and the latter in Wyandot county in 1862. The father was a carpenter by trade and followed this occupation until his death, which occurred in 1900. In this family were four children: Benjamin C., of this review; Ransom, a glass blower, who married Miss Della Travis, by whom he has two children, Edna and Eugene; Bonnie, who married Joseph Charlton, a mining engineer, by whom she has three children, John, Fern and Nancy; and Fred, who married Miss Eva Carpenter and who is now a clerk in the employ of his brother, the subject of this review.



B. C. HARMAN

Benjamin C. Harman attended the public schools of Upper Sandusky and later entered a college at Massillon, Ohio, of which he was a student until twenty years of age. He began his business career as a carpenter and followed that occupation for three years, after which he bought an interest in a meat market, which he conducted in partnership with a Mr. Rangeler for some time. When he sold out his interest in this concern he formed a partnership with Mr. Fink in the grocery business but in 1909 purchased his partner's interest and has since conducted the enterprise alone. In 1912 he added a meat market to his grocery store and has made both departments extremely profitable. He has a stock valued at three thousand dollars and conducts all business on a cash basis, being rewarded for his able management and upright business methods by a large and representative patronage. He now operates two wagons in the delivery of his goods and has laid the foundation of what will undoubtedly come to be one of the leading mercantile concerns in this part of Wyandot county.

On June 29, 1909, Mr. Harman was united in marriage at Upper Sandusky to Miss Minnie Stecher, a daughter of Gottlieb and Mary Stecher, the former a prosperous bricklayer. Mr. and Mrs. Harman are the parents of two sons: Robert Eugene, born April 20, 1911; and one, yet unnamed, born February 4, 1913. Mr. Harman is a regular attendant at the Evangelical church but does not hold membership. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics is a consistent republican, standing at all times for reform and progress in community affairs. He is yet a young man but has already won success in the field of commercial activity and is numbered among the influential and honored citizens of Upper Sandusky.

STEPHEN P. NORTON.

Agricultural interests of Antrim township find a worthy and progressive representative in Stephen P. Norton, who is a native son of the section and who since beginning his active career has been engaged in farming here. Success has attended his well directed efforts and he is today the owner of

one hundred and sixty acres on section 7, one of the best improved and profitable enterprises in this part of the state. He was born March 22, 1856, and is a son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Nesbit) Norton, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in York county, March 26, 1882, and the latter, in 1823. The father came to Wayne county and then to Wyandot county in pioneer times, settling in Antrim township in 1847. From that time until his death, which occurred in 1879, he engaged in farming, becoming a prosperous and successful agriculturist. His wife has passed away, her death having occurred in 1887. In this family were thirteen children, John G., Amanda, Hiram, Rebecca, Finley, Elizabeth, Catherine, Clay, Stephen P., Katie, Addie, Sarah and Benjamin, all of whom are living except the last named, who died in infancy.

Stephen P. Norton was reared to the occupation of farming and his childhood was similar to that of most farm lads. He had the advantage of a good education, attending the district school until he was seventeen and then spending four winters in the Ohio Northern University at Ada. After he put aside his books he farmed upon the homestead, aiding his father in its development until after the latter's death in 1879. Five years afterward Stephen P. Norton rented a farm in the vicinity and for a number of years cultivated this property, making it a valuable and well managed agricultural enterprise. In 1889 he made his first purchase of land, buying eighty acres which he developed for sixteen years, after which he sold this farm and in 1905 bought one hundred and sixty acres on section 7. He has here steadily carried forward the work of improvement, erecting fine buildings upon his land, which is now provided with a barn, originally twenty-six by eighty-nine feet, but with an L addition forty-three by thirty-three feet. All of the other buildings are modern, adequate and in good repair and the attractive appearance of the farm is an evidence of Mr. Norton's careful and intelligent supervision. He raises hay, corn and oats and in addition is extensively interested in stock breeding, keeping ten head of cattle, six horses, one hundred sheep and forty hogs.

On October 16, 1889, in Crawford county, Mr. Norton married Miss Clara Sabina McCracken, a daughter of Jesse M. and Mary L. (Cook) McCracken, farmers in that part of Ohio. Her great-grandparents were Alexander and Margret (Marshall) McCracken. The former, whose natal year was 1746,

died at Cambridge, Ohio, on the 9th of September, 1851, aged one hundred and four years, four months and fifteen days. His wife, a daughter of Lord Marshall of Ireland, was born in 1763 and died at Xenia, Ohio, on the 29th of June, 1827, at the age of sixty-four years. Their children were as follows: Henry, born in March, 1783, who died on shipboard, on the Atlantic ocean; Sarah (McCracken) McHenry, who was born in Pennsylvania in June, 1785; Mrs. Lillie (McCracken) Reid, whose birth occurred on the 20th of November, 1786, and who passed away at Cambridge, Ohio, at the age of ninety-seven years; William, who died at Cambridge, Ohio, when eighty-four years of age; Robert, whose natal day was April 5, 1790, and who passed away at the age of ninety-three years; James and Alexander, twins, who were born on the 11th of October, 1791; Henry, the second of the name and the father of Jesse M. McCracken, who was born on the 30th of July, 1793, and died at Monmouth, Illinois, on the 21st of April, 1838, at the age of forty-five years; Mrs. Martha (McCracken) Harbinson was born on the 10th of April, 1795, and died in Kansas; Mrs. Margret (McCracken) Gaff, born January 11, 1797, who died in Los Angeles, California, at the age of ninety-three years; John, who was born on the 1st of April, 1799; Mrs. Jane (McCracken) McConnel, whose birth occurred on the 22d of January, 1801, and who passed away at Wooster, Ohio; Arthur, born February 9, 1804, who died at Houston, Texas, on the 27th of March, 1887, when eighty-three years of age; and Mrs. Mary (McCracken) McClary, who was born on the 17th of March, 1807, and passed away in Kansas. Jesse Mitchel McCracken, the father of Mrs. Clara S. Norton, was born at Xenia, Ohio, on the 8th of May, 1832, while the birth of his wife, Mary Louisa (Cook) McCracken, occurred at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 10th of August, 1839. Unto them were born ten children, as follows: Hattie Belle, who was born at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 23d of March, 1862; Frank Hopkins, whose birth occurred at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 12th of January, 1864; Clara Sabina, who was born at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on the 2d of December, 1865; William Henry, who was born at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 9th of March, 1868; Jay Cook, whose birth occurred at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 20th of July, 1870; Anna May, born at Wyandot, Ohio, on the 8th of May, 1872; Mary Grace, born at Wyandot, Ohio, on the 23d of March, 1874; Arthur Marshall, who was born at Nevada, Ohio, on the 22d

of September, 1876; Maggie Laura, born at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 20th of June, 1879; and George Ralph, whose birth occurred at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 3d of August, 1883.

Mr. and Mrs. Norton are the parents of ten children: Frederick E., born in 1890; Louis A., 1892; May R., 1894; Thomas J., 1896; Joseph M., 1897; Olive G., 1899; Robert R., 1902; Clarence E., 1904; John H., 1907; and Albert S., born in 1909. The family are members of the Baptist church.

Stephen P. Norton does not affiliate with any particular political party, voting independently according to his personal convictions. He served for two years as township supervisor and was for a similar period a member of the school board, his public service being marked by able, conscientious and far-sighted work. Antrim township numbers him among her most valued native sons, for his success has come as the result of his own labor and energy and his life has been at all times honorable and upright, worthy of the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

WILLIAM ZAHN.

Through well directed business activity and enterprise and through the force of his public spirit and high integrity William Zahn has achieved notable success in the discharge of his duties as superintendent of the Wyandot County Infirmary, an office which he has held since April, 1911. He was born on his father's farm in Salem township, January 3, 1872, and is a son of Julius and Fredrica (Tireing) Zahn, natives of Germany. The father came to the United States when he was twenty-four years of age and came as a pioneer into Salem township, where he bought government land and built a log cabin, encountering in early years all of the hardships and privations of pioneer life. He built a log cabin upon his holdings and carried forward the work of development for many years, residing on his farm until 1900, when he retired and moved into Upper Sandusky, where he has an attractive home. He is one of the best known citizens in this community, where his honorable and upright character has gained him widespread esteem. His wife passed away in 1902.

William Zahn is one of a family of thirteen children. He acquired his education in the district schools of Salem township and afterward spent two years at the Findlay Business College. In the meantime he did his share of the work on the home farm and in this way became thoroughly familiar with the details and the best methods of carrying on a model agricultural enterprise. When he was twenty years of age he moved into Findlay, where he worked in a grocery store for two years, after which he came to Carey and here conducted a restaurant for thirteen years. When he disposed of that enterprise he became identified with the clothing business, forming a partnership with Mr. Kemerly under the firm name of Kemerly & Zahn. Their association continued for three years, or until April, 1911, when Mr. Zahn was appointed to the position of superintendent of the County Infirmary. Although he succeeded Frank Schumacher, known as one of the most capable men who ever served in this position, Mr. Zahn has nevertheless made a gratifying record, for he possesses the business ability and the executive force necessary for the efficient discharge of his difficult duties.

On October 31, 1900, Mr. Zahn was united in marriage to Miss Mary Garn, a daughter of Jeremiah Garn, of Carey, a well known agriculturist. They have one son, Norman, born August 25, 1901. The parents are active members of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and Mrs. Zahn is popular in social circles, being highly esteemed for her many accomplishments of mind and heart and her warm-hearted hospitality, which she ever dispenses. Mr. Zahn gives stanch allegiance to the democratic party and is eminently progressive and public-spirited in all matters of citizenship, never seeking to evade his duties along this line. Before he was appointed superintendent of the County Infirmary he served ably and conscientiously as a member of the city council. He is one of the best known and most highly respected residents of Wyandot county, where he was born and reared. His record is, indeed, a commendable one and the most envious can utter no word of reproach against his official service. In business, too, his course has been characterized by the strictest fidelity to principle and in social relations he displays many fine qualities that have won for him many friends.

JEROME FISHER.

After a successful career on the road, Jerome Fisher has returned to one of the primeval and most noble occupations to which mankind may devote its energies—that of agriculture. He finds therein not only satisfactory but profitable returns, and although it has been but a few years that he has been so engaged, he has already made valuable and substantial progress, as he employs the most modern methods and is ever ready to adopt new measures in order to promote his interests.

Mr. Fisher was born in Mifflin township, Wyandot county, on December 3, 1882, and is a son of Casper and Susan (Moll) Fisher. The father is a native of Crestline, Ohio, born in 1858, and is a salesman for acetylene gas generators and supplies, his territory being the northern part of the state. He makes his home in Bucyrus, Ohio. The mother was born in Salem township, this county, in 1858. In their family are the following children: Jerome, of this review; Anna M., who married Louis Sutter, a plumber of Crestline, Ohio, and they have one child; Lawrence F., who married Margaret La Fontaine, by whom he has one child and who is farming in Mifflin township; Victoria E.; Raymond; and Eugene.

Jerome Fisher was reared at home and had early instilled in his youthful consciousness lessons on the value of thrift, diligence and honesty. He attended district school in Mifflin township until seventeen years of age and then remained on the farm until twenty-one years old. At that time he became a salesman, disposing of acetylene gas generators and supplies, and so continued until 1912, when he returned to the farm. He farms the home property on shares with his brother Lawrence and although he has had charge for but a short time, has already instituted a number of improvements which are productive of greater results. An energetic young man, he intensely devotes himself to the work on hand and there is no doubt that he will be as successful in agricultural fields as he has been on the road. He is the owner of a beautiful home in Kirby, Ohio. He has not, however, given up entirely his connection with his former line and still handles a line of carbide and gas supplies in his home.

Mr. Fisher was married at Kirby, Ohio, on September 6, 1906, to Miss Clara Miller, a daughter of Mrs. Catherine Mil-

ler, of Kirby, Ohio, the wife passing away in March, 1912. In his political affiliations he is a democrat, stanchly supporting his party, and his religion is that of the Catholic church. He also is a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio and the Illinois Commercial Men's Association. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him and enjoys the friendship of many who honor him for the high qualities of his mind and character and his public-spirited, truly American citizenship.

HOWARD O. FORNEY.

Since the beginning of his active career, Howard O. Forney has been identified with farming interests in Wyandot county and stands today among the men whose labors have been elements in the general agricultural development. He owns seventy-five acres of valuable land on section 3, Jackson township, a property upon which he has resided since 1897. He was born in Tuscarawas county, February 2, 1858, and is a son of John H. and Mary C. (Kohr) Forney, the former of whom was born in Tuscarawas county, October 12, 1835. He married January 4, 1857, and came to Wyandot county among the pioneer settlers, making his home in the fall of 1864 upon a one hundred and twenty acre tract of timber land, which he cleared and where he began the work of development. He spent the early years of his life upon this farm in a crude log cabin, which he built with his own hands but which was afterward replaced by a modern residence. For many years he carried on general agricultural pursuits, dying upon his farm May 4, 1894. His wife passed away May 20, 1897. They were the parents of nine children, Howard O., Lizzie J., Clara B., William H., Charles G., Clyde E., George M., Austin and Russell.

Howard O. Forney attended district school for three months in each year and in this way acquired an education, which he afterward supplemented by wide reading and careful observation. He spent his childhood upon his father's farm and helped in the clearing of the new tract, becoming thoroughly familiar with all the details connected with agricultural pursuits. He worked upon the homestead until he was twenty-three years of age and then moved to one of his

father's farms, whereon he resided for four years. In 1897 he became the owner of a fine farm of seventy-five acres on section 3, Jackson township, and has since given his attention to its development. He has built good barns and other substantial outbuildings and has improved his land along modern lines, each year gathering rich crops of corn, oats and wheat as a reward for the care and labor he bestows upon the fields. He is likewise interested in stock-raising, keeping five horses, twelve head of cattle and sixty hogs.

Mr. Forney has been twice married. His first union occurred September 15, 1881, when he wedded Miss Dista Eaton, a daughter of William Eaton. They became the parents of one daughter, Jessie, who has passed away. Mr. Forney's second wife is Azora Van Buren, a daughter of Martin Van Buren, and to this union were born two children, Martin H. and Mary M., both of whom live at home. Mr. Forney is a member of the United Brethren church and politically gives his allegiance to the progressive party. His enterprising and progressive spirit has dominated and directed all of his activities. By constant exertion, associated with good judgment, he has achieved success and today belongs among the representative citizens of this section of the state.

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